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The Compleat Nursery

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SPRING, 1954



Fraises des Bois: We're as pleased as Punch with the introduction this year of two varieties (patent pending) of Fraises des Bois. These hybrids are still truly Wild French Strawberries, one of the world's great delicacies. Gourmets eat them with clotted cream in silent reverence; just ordinary folks who have eaten only ordinary strawberries—well, ordinary strawberries never taste the same again. Yes, the plants are everbearing—heavily from July until frost.

Either variety makes a charming edging plant—bushy little fellows about 8 inches high and perfectly round. The dainty white flowers dance on trusses above the soft green leaves, and when the trusses become heavy with berries they droop slightly. Plants should be spaced one foot apart as an edging to the perennial border or a walk, in soil that has been out of sod for at least two years. Sod soils contain quantities of cut worms or Jap beetle grubs which fatten enormously on the finely-drawn strawberry root—any strawberry root, French or otherwise. If you are in Jap beetle territory, grubproof the soil.

You can plant these Fraises in full sun or partial shade but remember they must, like all strawberries, be kept damp. Spray them occasionally with any good vegetable insecticide and add nicotine sulphate to kill aphids which can be troublesome in very wet weather. Because these hybrids have all the vigor of the wild plant we do not believe they are susceptible to ordinary strawberry virus diseases.

Protect these plants over winter (as you do any kind of strawberry) with a light covering of hay or straw (never protect anything with leaves) after the ground is frozen hard. We estimate that 30 well-grown plants will give you six servings a week from July until frost. The more you pick these luscious things the more they bear.

If you want to pick a quart of strawberries in ten

minutes don't buy Fraises des Bois. The fruit is small and picking takes a little time. (They are ready to pick when berries will pull away freely from the stems like raspberries.) A quart of Fraises will serve more people than two quarts of big berries—two tablespoons with heaviest cream is enough per person. Item: French strawberries are imported every summer by Bloomingdale's, New York. Baskets, about a pint, sell for \$3.00 each. Your mouth watering? If so, turn to page 8.

The Strip Perennial Border: We believe you will find The Strip Perennial Border (opposite) a new concept. No background is necessary, the strip can follow a walk or a pool, it can be worked at from either side. It is a new way to use perennials effectively, an invention of ours. **The Flowering Fence:** We got so distressed with folks using Rosa Multiflora incorrectly—planting it on suburban or city lots (this rank rose grows 8 feet high, spreads 8 feet, has dangerous thorns)—that we decided to do something about it. First, we stopped selling Rosa Multiflora. Then we experimented with fast-growing flowering shrubs and found that a combination planting of Weigela, Forsythia, Vanhouttei Spirea and bush Honeysuckle was ideal for light fencing and screening. (Also, beautiful.) Then we worked out growing methods to produce these bushes economically. When we came up with 16 husky shrubs that would take care of 40 feet of property line at less than \$1.00 per shrub we figured that was economical enough. Story on Page 20.

Economical Evergreens: Householders who need Needle-type Evergreens for foundation planting or for hedges, but who don't want to go to the expense of buying specimen plants, should turn to Page 18. There they will find Yews and Arborvitae that can be shipped economically anywhere.

Summer Bulbs and Tubers: Gladioli and Tuberous-rooted Begonias on Page 11; Amaryllis on Page 14.

Things Are Going On Here...

Miniatures are the most charming and useful of Glads and this year we have an excellent mixture of them. The Begonias (all Camellia types) are offered in rare named varieties, and unnamed hybrids which can be had by color. As you must know by now, White Flower Farm sells only the famed Dutch Warmenhoven Strain of Amaryllis. They are as easy to care for as Gladioli and are really sensational in the border. We are short on White, Apricot (this is a deep color) and the charming Rose (with white stripe). So get your order in early.

The Perennial Border: On Page 21 you'll find some notes on planning and planting perennials in mass and depth.

Books: Finest of the new garden reference books is Royal Horticultural Society's *DICTIONARY OF GARDENING*. (Page 5.) New, too, and excellent is Dorothy Childs Hogner's *HERBS*. (Page 3.) Although a number of new U.S. garden books have appeared, none compares with *AMERICA'S GARDEN BOOK*, just revised. (Page 14.)

You Choose, We Choose: That's our game, and a mighty profitable one for you to play with us. You Choose, We Choose Gardens and Selections are offered all through the catalogue. In playing it remember that you can choose your plants regardless of price. You won't find anything quite like it anywhere.

Greenhouses: No, we don't sell them, but there isn't a better tool for a serious gardener. Best we've seen is an English importation, aluminum, so well engineered you can put it together yourself. First cost for a decent size one is remarkably low; hardly ever is more than a third the price of a Chevrie. No structural upkeep problems, either. Write Waldor Greenhouses, Salem 188, Mass. We've found them nice people to do business with, too.

The Partners of White Flower Farm

Pen & Ink Illustrations by Nils Hogner

We Would Like to Have You Read This...

We advertise in the garden magazines and THE NEW YORKER and get a surprising lot of answers. However, our old customers are the best source of new customers, probably for the easy reason that their friends have similar tastes. These old customers are a remarkable group—they buy from descriptions from which superlatives have been deleted; they don't see a picture; they demand high quality. However, they drop out for a number of reasons—some move from country to city apartment, others tour Europe during a growing season, others are such superb gardeners they seldom need new material.

To fill ranks we need to pick up about 750 new accounts every year. No more than that.

No more than that because this nursery is not dedicated to mass production. We found out long ago that fine plants can be raised only in small lots and with few exceptions we produce everything we offer. Happily you have found out we can produce and sell this kind of stock at reasonable prices. So, if you have some gardening friends you think might like White Flower Farm, we'd be delighted to have their names. There's space provided below. Thanks.

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What Customers Say

These are unsolicited letters from customers, some old, some new. All right, we will grant they are from a lot of charming enthusiasts who see only the bright side of life, but at the same time you'll have to admit there is a shred of truth in them. Yes, we've had a few caustic letters (we deserved them). We're grateful they are very, very few; can count them on the fingers of one hand each season. That's pretty good, we think.

From Pennsylvania (1953)—"The reason I am writing is to thank everyone at White Flower who had anything to do with the growing and shipping of my plants which arrived yesterday. Precious Wedgewood china could not have been packed with greater care. It is refreshing, in this 'slap-dash' age, to see someone who respects and appreciates the fine art of producing plants like these."

From Illinois (1952)—"The herbs and other plants I ordered from you this spring were such beautiful and sturdy plants and arrived in perfect condition. Never have I had such fine plants from anyone."

From New York City (1953)—"It has been a pleasure, over the past year, to deal with you. Your directness is commendable. The Madison Avenue techniques of others make us appreciate you more."

From Michigan (1952)—"My first purchase from you was at Christmas last when I ordered Warmenhoven Amaryllis bulbs sent as gifts. I have never had gifts cause as much delighted response before. The blossoms were superb—and we have made colored slides to show at our Garden Club this season."

From Wisconsin (1953)—"It's unusual to receive the consideration from nurseries that I did from you. It is certainly appreciated." Note: We relaced three recalcitrant Veronicas, which, by the way, are sometimes mean to transplant.

From Michigan (1953)—"Just a line to let you know that the herbs you shipped me this spring are all doing exceptionally well. I am very pleased with the excellent stock you shipped."

From Philadelphia (1952)—"The rose bushes arrived in perfect condition and in time for our weekend planting." Note: That weekend planting business was luck. We try, but never know how the Post Office is going to cooperate.

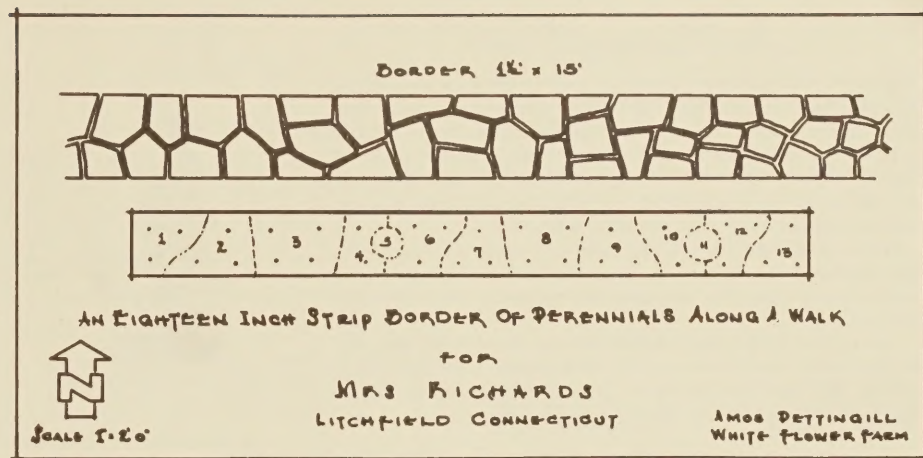
From New York City (1952)—"We are delighted with your monthly cards reminding us of planting time and giving us cultural hints." Note: Six a year, not monthly. We have observed that people like to hear from their children once a month; not that often from this kind of nursery.

From Pennsylvania (1953)—"Your packing is the best I have ever had in 43 yrs. of gardening and your clumps were beautiful."

From Arkansas (1953)—"I want to tell you how much we liked the tulips and narcissus we bought from you last fall. The flowers were exquisite, and caused much comment. You probably will receive quite a few orders from different people here as many people have wanted the address of the firm from which we received our bulbs." Note: We did.

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The Strip Perennial Border

Here is a device for using perennials economically and for maximum effect. You can put as many plants in a border 18" wide and almost 11 feet long as you can in a 4' x 4' border. Moreover, the Strip Border is hugely versatile — it needs no background of brick or evergreens, it can wind around a pool or along a walk, it can reach out in perspective and requires nothing but itself to draw attention. There is no problem of working in it — the Strip Border can be refurbished, cultivated, pruned or sprayed from either side without putting a foot on it. Also, there is a planning challenge that few deep borders present — you can plant for color and form in full perspective. A mildly profane, elderly, ex-seafaring man in Bridgeport, an excellent gardener, says "This strip perennial border business is a helluva fine invention." (We marvel at our own ingenuity.)

Plant bulbs (Narcissi, Tulip, Lilies) about every six feet (the area used for them need not be more than 1-foot of the strip) and, instead of overplanting the bulbs with perennials, we use annuals which become summer-long bright splotches of color. You can edge one or

both sides; in fact there isn't anything you can't do with it. Clumps of blending German Iris and an occasional Peony should be planted in August and September. Fall, of course, is the time for refurbishing and putting in bulbs. Underplant the whole business with low-growing annuals the first year because perennials cannot be expected to come into their own until after they have been in place one season.

If you want to start from scratch here is a Strip Border, specially priced, to plant the above landscape plan.

1½' x 15' Strip Border of Perennials \$24.50

Note: The numeral before each variety is the key to the plan above; the numeral after the variety indicates quantity. 1 Iberis Perpetual; 2 Veronica Blue Spikes; 3 Iris Ming Yellow; 4 Daisy Mt. Shasta; 5 Delphinium Blue Bird; 1; 6 Hemerocallis Hyperion; 3; 7 Heuchera Mary Rose; 3; 8 Phlox Von Lassburg; 4; 9 Iris Great Lakes; 3; 10 Veronica White Spikes; 2; 11 Delphinium Summer Skies; 1; 12 Heuchera Perry's White; 3; 13 Hemerocallis Linda; 3. Thirty-five plants; 13 varieties—value about \$35.00. Included with each order, no charge, will be 15 Marie Antoinette Fraises des Bois, making a total of 50 plants.

The Flowering Plants

This is the stuff perennial borders are made of. The word perennial, as applied to flowering plants like these, does not mean forever—it means these plants have a long life. Some, like an established peony, last for 25 years or more; others bloom their heads off for two or three years, get root bound and die. But in between these extremes you get lasting beauty if you pay any attention to a perennial border, and, if it's properly planted, there will be a succession of bloom from early spring to late fall.

For those who prefer a white border we have a white variety of the species if it is available in a sturdy form. The range of colored varieties is tremendous—we have stayed away from only one color, magenta; it goes with nothing including itself.

Soils for perennial plantings should be well drained, rich in phosphate and phosphorus (for root and strong stalk development), moderately rich in nitrogen (you want flowers, not great masses of over-grown green leaves). Our stock is all top-size and absolutely free from disease.

AJUGA (Bugle)

Splendid rockery plants. Also one of the best ground covers, for sun or shade. It spreads quickly, mats so heavily when established that weeds can't grow. For quick covers plant six inches apart spring or fall. Evergreen. Practically indestructible.

- *A. Genevensis** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Dense spreading mats of dark variegated green leaves with masses of dark blue flowers on 6 to 8 inch spikes in May and June.

ALYSSUM (Basket of Gold or Madwort)

Plant in ordinary, well drained soil. Use in groups of three in the rock garden or as border edging. Blooms with tulips.

- *Saxtile Citrinum** Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00
Clusters of pale yellow flowers.
- *Saxtile Compactum** Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00
Ditto, but bright yellow flowers.

AQUILEGIA (Columbine)

These strains are all hybrids, long-spurred. They make excellent cut flowers, bloom over a period of 4 to 6 weeks beginning in early June. Use ordinary cultural procedures. All columbine are strong field grown clumps.



Delphinium

Chrysanth Silver Queen

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Pure white. Height: 24-30 inches.

Crimson Star

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Long crimson spurs, centers white tinged with red.

Mrs. Scott Elliott Hybrids

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Colors range through pastel shades of lavender, blue, red, pink, cream, white. Mixed colors only.

ANCHUSA (Alkanet)

These charming early bloomers belong to the Forget-me-not order. They like a deep, well-drained soil, and not too heavy. They do best in full sun.

Dropmore

Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75
Blue flowers on 4 to 5 foot spikes. Blooms all summer. Use single specimens or in groups of three about 18 inches apart.

*Myosotidiflora

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Clusters of flowers resembling Forget-me-nots in May-June. Likes semi-shade or sun. 12 inches. Never plant less than three of this fine dwarf.

ANTHEMIS (Golden Marguerite)

Extremely free flowering daisy-like plants which furnish an abundance of excellent cut-flowers until frost. Hardy anywhere and indifferent to soil and moisture.

Moonlight

Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

A perfect early summer flower. Masses of pale yellow, daisy-like blooms 2½ inches across on 18 inch stems. Plants stand erect, do not crowd the border, seem to be impervious to insects, drought or floods. Even the finely cut foliage is attractive.

ARABIS (Rock-Cress)

Useful plants for carpeting dry walls or banks. Arabis forms broad mats of evergreen foliage fairly smothered under bloom in early spring. Does well in sun or shade.

*Alpina

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Dense masses of pure white flowers from April until June. Excellent for the rockery and front of the flower border. 6 inches.

ASTERS

(Michaelmas Daisies)

Perennial or hardy asters grow in any soil; stand up under the toughest treatment. They require full sun and lots of water. Plant fall or spring, 2 feet apart. There are scores of varieties; these have the best colors and habits of growth. All are covered with flowers from September to frost.

Harrington's Pink

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

A silvery flower, truly pink. Excellent for cutting. Height: 3-4 feet.

Janet McMullen

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Semi-double soft rose-pink flowers on 4 foot stems. Largest flower of any Aster.

*Margaret Rose

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

A mass of rose-pink flowers. Semi-dwarf.

*Niobe

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Dwarf (only 6 inches high). Pure white. Compact neat growth.

Plenty

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Delightful semi-double light blue flowers. Height: 3-4 feet.

The Archbishop

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Huge (2-inch) semidouble blooms of deep blue-purple. Fine for cutting. A new English importation.

The Cardinal

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Also English. Brilliant reddish-rose flowers on 3 foot stems.

*Victor

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Excellent blue form of Niobe.

Beachwood Challenger

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Free-flowering bright crimson red blooms on full, well branched plants growing 3 to 4 feet tall. Flowers from September until frost.

Eventide

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

The flowers are large semi-double of gentian blue. A sensation for lovers of blue.

Frikarti

Each 90c, Three \$2.25, Ten \$6.50

Lavender blue flowers 2½ inches across from June until frost. Excellent for cutting.

Oregon Snowbank

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

A new clean sparkling white. Blooms so freely as to almost conceal the sturdily branched plants. 24 inches.

Paloma

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

A true deep blue. Flower spikes are pyramidal in form and about 24 to 30 inches tall.

Winston Churchill

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Rich ruby-crimson flowers—reddest of the hardy Asters. A new variety of unusual merit.

ASTER COLLECTIONS

You Choose, We Choose Aster Garden #1

\$3.85

You choose one each of any two varieties; we choose one each of any three. Five plants, five varieties—value about \$4.50.

You Choose, We Choose Aster Garden #2

\$4.95

You choose one each of any three varieties; we choose one each of any four varieties. Seven plants, seven varieties—value about \$6.50.

You Choose, We Choose Aster Garden #3

\$7.95

You choose any six plants; we choose any six in three or more varieties. Twelve plants—value about \$10.50.

CAMPANULA (Bellflower)

A fine group, all in white or blue shades and running from dwarf to 6 feet tall, that goes well in any border. Some bloom continuously from June to October. Culture is not difficult as they need only a moderately rich, well-drained soil.

* Carpatica

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

It grows in compact tufts never more than 8 inches high and throws blue blooms vigorously all summer. A perfect edging for the border or rockery.

* Carpatica Alba

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

A pure white form of the above.



A Fine, New Guide to Herbs

Most books on Herbs skip specific cultural information; or deal in glittering generalities; or dwell overlong on history and medicinal use. Not so HERBS, FROM THE GARDEN TO THE TABLE, by Dorothy Childs Hogner. She tells how to grow them, how to use them, is even specific in the amount to use. The book is made further delightful by Nils Hogner's drawings. 236 pages, indexed. Price, Parcel Post prepaid: \$4.25

Grandis

Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

For some strange reason, also called Six Hills Giant. It's a 2½-foot grower, with flower stems covered with pale blue flowers that are star-like and saucer-shaped. Likes shade; heavy multiplier; hardy anywhere.

Persicifolia grandiflora alba

Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

This is a 2-foot white which goes well with Grandis.

DELPHINIUM (Perennial Larkspur) Pacific Coast Hybrids

The California hybridizers, Vetterle & Reinelt, have walked away with the delphinium show—no one has come near equalling the spectacular beauty of their Round Table Series. These hybrids are not as long-lived as Belladonna and related varieties and many delphinium fanciers treat them as biennials.

They require excellent drainage and a strongly alkaline soil—dry wood ashes worked into the area a few days before planting is best. Do not overfeed. And do not cover in winter—a thin layer of coal ashes will protect the crowns from slugs. Occasional dusting with sulphur controls leaf black spot. All clumps are strongly grown, two-year-old stock. Height: 4 to 7 feet. Protect flowering spikes from wind, or stake. (Maybe you had better stake anyway.) All bloom in late June or early July. Better plant 2 feet apart.

Black Knight

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Shades of darkest violet with black bee.

Blue Bird

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

Shades of medium blue with white bee.

Blue Jay

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

Shades from medium to dark blue with black bee.

Cameliard

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

Shades of clear lavender with white bee.

Galahad

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

Purest white. Blooms about 10 days later than others.

Guinevere

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

Shades of lavender-pink with white.

King Arthur

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

Royal purple with white bee.

Percival

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

Purest white with black bee. (Flowers with Galahad.)

Summer Skies

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

Shades of lightest blues with white bee.

CHINESE DELPHINIUM

The miniature or so-called dwarf varieties bloom all summer if cut back. Flowers keep a week in water. Culture: same as for Pacifics. First blooms in late June or early July.

Album Grandiflorum

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Pure white. Height: 24 inches.

Blue Mirror

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Bright navy blue. 24 inches.

Cambridge Blue

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

A rich but light blue. 18-24 inches.

DELPHINIUM

Belladonna

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Light blue and long-lasting. Initial stalk may reach 5 ft. Kept cut Belladonna blooms all summer.

Bellamosa

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

A dark blue form of Belladonna.

* DIANTHUS (Garden Pinks)

Plant in ordinary garden soil which must contain some lime. Excellent rock garden or border plant. Most varieties bloom continuously starting in mid-June.

Allwoodi Mixed

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Large single and double flowers. Foliage grey-green forming large mats. Stems 12-15 inches high.

Dinah

Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75

A double, deep rose with maroon center. Flowers prolifically spring and fall. Two to six flowers on each 12 inch stem.

Evangeline

Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75

Double soft rose flowers with spicy fragrance on 10 inch stems.

Dianthus Continued

Moon Mist Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75

Fragrant double white flowers on 12 inch stems. Blooms heavily spring and fall, and throughout summer.

Salmon Unique Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75

A clove-scented salmon-pink. Stems 15 inches. Throws perfectly formed carnation-like flowers throughout the season.

Tiny Rubies Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Very compact with miniature pink carnation-like flowers on 4 to 6 inch stems. Excellent for rock gardens.

Wallace Red Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Semi-double crimson red flowers on 12-inch stems. Compact. Blooms all summer.

Dubonnet Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Darkest of the reds.

Her Majesty Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Purest white, very large and heavily double.

Sweet Memory Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Pure white, crimson maroon spots at center. Two inch blooms fully double, compact and sturdy.

White Reserve Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Like a fine double-white, greenhouse-grown Carnation, 10 inches high. Grows from a heavy mat. Extremely fragrant.

You Choose, We Choose Dianthus #1 \$4.50

You choose three plants, we choose three. Six plants—value about \$5.50.

You Choose, We Choose Dianthus #2 \$6.25

You choose four plants, we choose five. Nine plants—value about \$8.00.

You Choose, We Choose Dianthus #3 \$7.75

You choose six plants, we choose six. Twelve plants—value about \$11.00.

PYRETHRUM (Painted Daisy)

Plant Spring or early Fall in ordinary soil in groups of 3 plants, each about a foot apart.

Robinson's Crimson Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Large, single disc-like flowers of rich crimson. A favorite cut flower.

Roseum Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Deep pink double flowers.

Scarlet Glow Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75

A new and large single flower of deep scarlet.

Chrysanthemums

This is probably the easiest of all hardy plants to grow and certainly one of the most rewarding. They tolerate neglect but to have them at their best give them full sun, a rich, well-drained soil and water during the heat of summer. To get a sturdy and well-branched plant pinch back the terminal shoots at least twice. In winter cover lightly after the ground is frozen to keep the shallow roots from heaving.

Dates of bloom are for Litchfield. For every 100 miles north subtract two days; add two for every 100 miles south. Unless otherwise noted these varieties have proved themselves hardy in New England which is to say they will winter successfully nearly anywhere. (Complete cultural directions with each order.)

WHITE AND IVORY TONES

Drifted Snow Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Fully double white flowers with creamy center. Sept. 15; 24 inches.

Ivory Glow Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Very large incurved ivory flowers resembling greenhouse varieties. Double. Oct. 3; 24 inches.

Sincerity Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Its 3 inch blooms open pale lavender, turn white immediately. Double. Oct. 1; 30 inches.

Snow Elf Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

New, crystal-clear white pompon. Excellent cut flower. Oct. 8.

Innocence Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

New 1952. Very large chalk-white flowers. Oct. 10.

Paper White Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Large white flower on small growing plant. Sept. 15.

YELLOW TO GOLDEN

Chiquita Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

True lemon-yellow, very compact. Button. Oct. 5; 20 inches.

Canary Wonder Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

1951 Prize Winner. Soft canary yellow flowers cover 36 inch stalks. A top cutflower. October 1.

Lee Powell (new) Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Masses of fluffy Chinese-yellow flowers with slight orange tint at center. Double. Sept. 23; 30 inches.

Polaris Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

This is an extremely hardy Northland Daisy. Is like a buff-yellow Shasta Daisy in bloom. Oct.; 30 inches.



Chrysanthemum

***Bowl O' Gold** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Canary-yellow cushion; blooms 2 inches in diameter. Plant grows a foot tall, spreads two feet. Sept. 15.

Ruthann Lehman Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Immense flowers of canary-yellow make it excellent for cutting.

GOLD TO BRONZE

Fireside Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Burnt orange and salmon. October 1.

Sequoia Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Richly amber and heavy. Double. Oct. 5; 24 inches.

Olive Longland Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Three-inch blossoms of apricot-bronze shading to salmon. Sept. 15th.

Orloma Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Bronze decorative. 18 inches. Sept. 20.

LAVENDER TO PURPLE TONES

Fascination Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Silvery-lavender with a pink overcast upon opening; many blooms change to a creamy white later. Blossoms are 4 inches in diameter.

Lassie Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Large blooms of lavender pink. Good for cutting. October 10.

Masquerade (new) Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

A glistening mass of silvery-lavender-rose blooms. Oct. 5; 24 inches.

Cecil Reid Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Deep lavender-pink, fully double. Sept. 10.

RED TONES

- Courageous** Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00
Large bright crimson blooms. Double. Oct. 1; 24 inches.
- Rajah** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
A flamboyant scarlet daisy that holds color and is excellent for cutting. October 10.
- Apache** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00
New 1953. Brilliant, dark fire-cracker red with golden overcast when mature. Quilled flowers 4 to 5 inches in diameter. Sept. 20.
- Huntsman** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Vivid scarlet-orange overlaid with bronze tints. Oct. 1.
- Rusty Red** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
New 1953. Heavy blooming cherry red, fading to rust. Sept. 20.

PINK TONES

- Betty** Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00
A fine clear pink; darker pink in center. Double. Sept. 28; 28 inches.
- Dawn Rose** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Bright pink with touch of rose at center. Double. Oct. 5; 30 inches.
- Reverie** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Creamy pink flower with dark mahogany center. Sept. 25.
- Rosita** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Shades of Persian-rose. One inch pompons. Sept. 25.

SPECIAL CHRYSANTHEMUM GARDENS

Solid tone gardens or white plus a color make the best Chrysanthemum plantings. Here is a way for you to paint your own Chrysanthemum picture but please follow its rules exactly or prices will be higher than indicated. For example, where the instructions are to pick three each of a variety, don't split them into three varieties. We have to charge you more when you do, and if you do your garden won't be as effective.

The Bronze-Yellow Garden

One each of any six varieties in the Yellow to Golden and Gold to Bronze types. Six plants, \$3.90
Three each of any six varieties of the same list. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

The Bronze-White Garden

One each of any three whites plus one each of any three bronze-yellows. Six plants, \$3.90
Three each of any three white varieties plus three each of any three bronze-yellows. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

The White-Red Garden

One each of any three whites plus one each of any three reds. Six plants, \$3.90
Three each of any three whites plus three each of any three reds. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

The White-Pink Garden

One each of any three whites plus one each of any three pinks. Six plants, \$3.90
Three each of any three whites plus three each of any three pinks. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

The White-Lavender-Purple Garden

One each of any three whites plus one each of any three lavender-purples. Six plants, \$3.90
Three each of any three whites plus three each of any three lavender-purples. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

Note: In planting the white combination gardens place the whites between the colors for contrast. By noting dates of bloom you can work out gardens which will bloom all at once or come in a succession of bloom. It is best, when ordering six plants, to have them bloom at about the same time. The larger gardens have more interest when planned for succession of bloom, say from mid-September to late October.

YOU CHOOSE, WE CHOOSE MUM GARDENS

Here's that game again so that you can pick a multi-colored hardy Chrysanthemum garden at the lowest possible cost.

You Choose, We Choose Mum Garden #1 \$3.90
You choose two plants; we choose four plants. Six plants—value about \$5.00.

You Choose, We Choose Mum Garden #2 \$5.85
You choose four plants; we choose five plants. Nine plants—value about \$7.95.

You Choose, We Choose Mum Garden #3 \$6.75
You choose five plants, we choose seven. Twelve plants—value about \$10.50.

You Choose, We Choose Mum Garden #4 \$9.50
You choose eight plants; we choose ten plants. Eighteen plants—value about \$14.50.

ODD AND UNUSUAL CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Many of these are not well known but all have their special beauty. We guarantee none to be hardy but all of them can be wintered over in a well-protected cold frame or pit. For bloom outdoors plant very early.

Bronze Cactus (Patented)

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Cactus type. Large, fully double blooms with sharply pointed petals. Unfading Indian-copper-bronze with subtle salmon shadings. Sept.; 30 inches.

Mrs. H. E. Kidder Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
An early, bright yellow of extreme size on tall stems.

Silver Sheen Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
A pure white of great size. October 20.

CHRYSANTHEMUM MAXIMUM

(The Shasta Daisy)

Use a good rich soil in full sun. Plant 1 foot apart. Divide root stocks every other year to keep plant compact and flowers large.

Alaska Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Large glistening white single daisy with yellow center. Two foot plants bloom heavily in June and July.

Marconi Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00
Double frilled white flowers on stems 18 to 24 inches long. Fine for cutting.

Majestic Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00
Immense white flowers, 5 to 6 inches in diameter. Small golden center. Excellent for cutting, blooms June and July. Height: 30 inches.

Mount Shasta Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75
Pure white and fully double with a high-crested center. Flowers average four inches across and come singly on stiff, 24-inch stems from spring until frost. Fine for cutting.

Royal Horticultural Society's Great Dictionary of Gardening

This new (published 1952) Dictionary of Gardening replaces the indispensable Nickolson's Encyclopedia which has been out of print for years and out of date for longer. It describes every plant suitable for growing in the temperate zone and there is much fine data on tropical and subtropical plants. Each genus is described, is followed by descriptions of individual species within the genus and descriptions of hybrids widely grown. Definitions also cover common garden terms. Unlike most once-over-lightly books for amateurs, these fine scientific volumes take the trouble to list and define mulch, pricking out, June drop, etc., etc. This dictionary is indispensable for the serious gardener; certainly every garden club should have one for reference. Four volumes: 2316 pages. Profusely illustrated. Price: \$55.00 including delivery.



Dianthus

DICENTRA (Bleeding Heart)

A must in every border and they are easily grown. Dicentra, you will be glad to know, does best in partial shade. Plant in fall or very early spring.

Bountiful Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00

A remarkable hybrid. Makes a clump 18 inches in diameter and has dark blue-green foliage about 10 inches high. Blooms heavily from May until July; throws flowers all summer; blooms heavily again in the fall. Only three to a customer, please.

***Eximia** Three \$1.25, Ten \$3.75, 25 \$9.00

A delightful dwarf with pink flowers over delicate green foliage. Height: 12 inches.

***Eximia Sweetheart** Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75

The same with pure white flowers.

Spectabilis Each \$1.10, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Old-fashioned and a favorite. It's a fairly tall grower and has long racemes of heart-shaped pink flowers. Plant in clumps about 24 inches apart.

DICTAMNUS (Gas Plant)

An interesting perennial that will last a life-time. Hand-some ash-like leaves of delightful fragrance and lovely flowers which form a gas that can be ignited on hot evenings without damage to the plant. Should have a sunny, well drained location. Never try to move Dictamnus after it is established.

Fraxinella Alba Each \$1.10, Three \$2.75

Compact shrub-like growth and attractive spikes of pure white flowers during June and July. Long lasting as a cut flower. Only three to a customer.

Fraxinella Rubra Each \$1.10, Three \$2.75

The same fine shrub-like growth as Alba with rose pink flowers on 2½ ft. plants. Only three to a customer.

DORONICUM (Leopard-bane)

These glorified golden daisies are unrivalled for early spring flower decorations. Sun or light shade.

Excelsium Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Strong grower with medium-sized blooms of golden yellow. Blooms same time as Tulips and makes an excellent background planting with them.

FUNKIA (Plaintain Lily)

Very hardy with handsome leaves and lily-like flowers. Likes any moist location in full or part shade.

Subcordata grandiflora Each \$1.10, Three \$2.75

Large pure white, lily-shaped fragrant flowers in August and September. Used extensively as a ground cover.

GAILLARDIA (Blanket Flower)

They require a rich, light, well-drained soil to survive the winter. Full sun. They bloom profusely all summer and seem to require no water. Highly satisfactory as cut flower.

Aurea Pura Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Large yellow flowers on strong stems. Height: 30 inches.

Burgundy Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Wine red. Flowers 3 inches in diameter.

Goblin Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Red and yellow bi-color. Compact growing habit.

Portola Hybrids Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Large flowers; centers dark red. Blends to copper, petals golden tipped.

GEUM (Avens)

An extremely hardy plant with desirable foliage and flowers. Grows in ordinary soil. Does best in sun, but thrives in light shade. Plenty of moisture will make it bloom all season.

Lady Stratheden Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

Deep golden yellow flowers. 2 ft.

GYP SOPHILA (Perennial Baby's Breath)

A rugged plant in well-drained soil. Its flowers form a delicate and beautiful veil. Cut flowers make sensational bouquets by themselves; mixed with other flowers they form background clouds of white or pink. They are tap rooted, cannot be moved. We ship them from large pots. Don't expect much the first season. After that you can't find a more satisfactory border plant or cut flower. They become big plants—most varieties must be kept at least 2 feet apart.

Bristol Fairy Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75

Pure white double flowers. Keep one or two in cutting garden for floral arrangements as Bristol blooms repeatedly if kept cut. Height: 3 feet.

Double Dutch Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

A new double pure white, taller than Bristol Fairy and with slightly larger flowers. Excellent for cutting.

Flamingo Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Double pink with habits similar to Bristol Fairy.

***Repens Rosy Veil** Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

"Dwarf" double pink, 2 feet high. Longer season of bloom, starts 2 weeks earlier.

HELLEBORUS (Christmas Rose)

This strange fascinator blooms in winter, cares not a hoot about the coldest cold. Culture requires a cool, moist shady position (in the shade of trees or among ferns) and soil must be woody (mix it heavily with leaf mold and three year old cow manure; stay away from lime or inorganic fertilizers). Plenty of water is required in summer. Helleborus spreads from the crown; plant at least 12 inches apart. Do not move after the plants are established—they resent it, you're almost sure to lose them if you do.

H. Niger Each \$1.75, Three \$4.65, Ten \$14.75

These are giant plants, grown in large Easimove pots, all should bloom next year. Niger's leaves have a palm form, are evergreen and of leathery substance. In December, January or February (depending on locality) the plant throws large, single, white, bell-like flowers which last for weeks regardless of below zero cold or snow.

HEUCHERA (Coral Bells)

They like a rich, moist, well-drained soil, but they'll grow in practically anything. Plant 6 inches apart in the border in clumps of 3, 5 or 7, or use as edging plant. Divide about every third year.

Brizoides, Mary Rose (new) Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Spikes about 2 feet, carry clear pink flowers.

Perry's White Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

White bells blending to cream on 18-inch spikes. Blooms June through September if kept cut back. Rock garden plant, too.

Queen of Hearts Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75

Produces deep glowing coral-scarlet blooms for a long period. Individual flowers are extra large and brilliant. Showy border plant or good cut flower.

IRIS (Kaempferi)

These fine flowers resemble orchids. They are hardy anywhere, must have moisture. But don't let water stand on them—they like their feet damp, their ankles dry. (Known popularly as Japanese Iris.)

Betty Holmes Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Double white, Small yellow zone.

Catherine Parry Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Double velvety dark blue, high tufted center.

Circe Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Double, red-violet falls, yellow blotch; styles white, edged purple.

Clarice Childs Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Single, deep violet throughout. Falls large and spreading. Standards full. Styles of same color.

Eleanor Parry Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Rich reddish purple. Double.

Mount Hood Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
A double light blue shaded darker, set off with bright orange center.

Rose Anna Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Light wine-red, heavily veined purple and clear golden banded throat. Double.

Uchio Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Large double, sky blue.

JAP IRIS GARDENS

You Choose, We Choose Selection #1 \$3.90
You choose any three; we choose three. Six plants—value \$4.50

You Choose, We Choose Selection #2 \$7.20
You choose five plants; we choose seven plants. Twelve plants—value \$9.00.

You Choose, We Choose Selection #3 \$10.50
You choose nine plants; we choose nine plants. Eighteen plants—value \$13.50

HIBISCUS (Mallow)

The following are all giant hybrids of a new strain. The immense Hollyhock-like flowers measure up to 12 inches across on stalks which rise to 6 feet. The plant kills back to the ground in winter. Crowns are hardy. They are best planted in mass some distance from the house in rich, moist but well-drained soil. Blooms come in July-August.

Snowcap Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

A pure white.

Poinsetta Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Deepest red.

Satan Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Tall, velvety maroon.

Radiation Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Clear pink with darker center.

Silver Rose Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Pink with satin sheen, the veins darker.

HEMEROCALLIS (Day Lilies)

These are of easiest culture; they multiply freely; are permanent and practically free of insects. Study planting dates of varieties listed and order so that you have day lilies blooming from June to September. The hybridizers have gotten to work on the old-fashioned species and now we have varieties from softest yellow to almost fiery red. Move them any time; they are the toughest plants we know about.

August Pioneer Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Chrome-yellow. Tips of petals blended red. Blooms Aug.-Sept. Height: 34 inches.

Bagdad Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Blend of copper-red and orange. Orange center. June-July. Height: 42 inches.

Boutonniere Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Light peach. Blooms July-August. 36 inches.

Chengtar Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

An orange-yellow blooming July-August. 36 inches.

Citrina Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Sulphur-yellow. June-July. 36 inches.

Earliana Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Blooms with Iris in early May. A golden-orange. 24 inches.

Enchantress Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Soft yellow. Bleeds to pink in center. Aug.-Sept. Height: 36 inches.

Harvest Moon Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

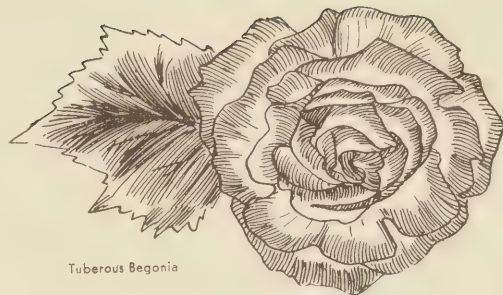
Is the color of orange-sherbet. July-August. 36 inches.

Hyperion Each \$1.10, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Very large canary-yellow flowers. Best of all yellow day lilies. July-August. Height: 48 inches.

Imperator Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Golden-red lined with yellow. July-August. Height: 40 inches.



Tuberous Begonia

Linda Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Amber-yellow with reddish lines. Petals ruffled. June-July. Height: 30 inches.

Mikado Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Rich orange with mahogany blotch at base of petals. June-July. Height: 36 inches.

Middendorffie Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

A rich orange-yellow. May-June. 18 inches.

Mrs. A. H. Austin Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Deep, large-flowered, golden-yellow. July-Aug. Height: 36 inches.

Mrs. W. H. Wyman Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Lemon-yellow. July-August. 48 inches.

Ophir Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Very dark golden. July-August. 48 inches.

Semperflorens Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Excellent rich mid-season yellow. May-June. 30 inches.

Serenade Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Ten \$7.75

Pastel shadings of yellow and pink. June-July Height: 36 inches.

Theron Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Wine-red. Petals twisted gracefully. June bloomer. 36 inches.

Pink Charm Each \$1.25, Three \$3.25, Ten \$9.00

Lovely soft pink. August-September. 30 inches.

Insulinda Each \$1.25, Three \$3.25, Ten \$9.00

Apricot-buff with pink overtones. Yellow center. July. 36 inches.

Dido Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Warm soft apricot. Late June-July. 36 inches.

Morocco Red Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Rich velvety red. August-September. 34 inches.

Hemerocallis Continued

Everblooming Hemerocallis Gardens

One of the most satisfactory borders on The Farm is a solid Day Lily planting. It blooms from May to September. It is now six years old and so thick little weeding is ever required. These rugged plants, half shaded by two maples, compete successfully with the roots of those vigorous trees, bloom more profusely every year.

Yellow to Golden Collection #1 \$8.95

One each of Earliana, Middendorff, Semperflorens, Mrs. W. H. Wyman, Serenade, Hyperion, Citrina, Enchantress, August Pioneer, Mrs. A. H. Austin, Harvest Moon and Ophir. Twelve Plants—value about \$10.00.

Yellow-Golden Collection #2 \$22.50

Three each of the above. Thirty-six plants—value about \$27.00.

Darker Colored Day Lily Collection #1 \$4.75

Not quite so early or as extensive as the yellow-golden types but quite satisfactory. One each of Theron, Bagdad, Imperator, Linda, Mikado and August Pioneer. Six plants—value \$5.25.

Darker Colored Day Lily Collection #2 \$10.50

Three each of the above. Eighteen plants—value \$13.00.

Mixed Day Lily Collection #1 \$6.75

You choose one each of any three varieties; we choose one each of any six. Nine plants. (Value about \$9.00.)

Mixed Day Lily Collection #2 \$14.50

You choose three each of any two varieties; we choose three each of five. Twenty-one plants. (Value about \$25.00.)

IBERIS

(Perennial Candytuft)

Require nothing extraordinary in soils. Plant, fall or spring, 6 inches apart.

*Little Gem Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Pure white flowers in May. True dwarf, flowers reach 6 inches in height, foliage about 3 inches. Perfect edging plant; excellent for rock gardens.

*Purity Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25

New and somewhat larger than Little Gem. Very uniform in growth; plants look like miniature evergreens after being a mass of white when flowering in April-June.

LUPINUS (Lupine)

Soil is not a problem. Lupine requires lots of moisture, full sun and protection from prevailing hot summer winds. Because they are difficult to move when field-grown we offer strongly rooted potted plants. They will mature the second year. Plant in bold groups.

Polyphyllus albus Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

White.

Polyphyllus coeruleus Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Blue.

Polyphyllus carmineus Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Almost red form of polyphyllus.

Polyphyllus roseus Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Rose.



FRAISES DES BOIS (Wild French Strawberries)

Shipping plants have small crowns but are heavily rooted. Planted in early spring they will produce their first berries in July; plants will be lush and in full production at the end of August. Fertilize with dry cow manure or compost that is free of grubs. Neither of these varieties produce runners.

*Charles V Doz. \$8.95, 25 \$14.95, 50 \$27.50

Named after France's famous king, who, about 1360, was the first Frenchman to bring wild strawberries from the woods and plant them in a garden. This variety is an open upright plant with dark green leaves, about 8 inches high, 10 inches in diameter. Plant one foot apart as border edging or in beds or rows in the vegetable garden. Berries are deepest red, about five-eighths inch long, pointed, about three eighths inch in diameter at the butt. Charles V is ever-bearing and a heavy producer. Patent pending.

*Marie Antoinette Doz. \$8.95, 25 \$14.95, 50 \$27.50

A highly compact dainty upright plant with delicate green leaves. Berries are a darkish red at the base, a rouge-pink at the tip. A heavier producer than Charles V but berries are slightly smaller. Ever-bearing, of course. Patent pending.

LIATRIS

(Blazing Star or Gayfeather)

Thrives in ordinary soils, in sun or shade, can be grown at water-side. Plant in groups of three at back of border. In our opinion Liatris has been neglected by gardeners. Excellent for cutting.

Scariosa September Glory Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Purple flowers all come into bloom on 6 foot spikes.

Scariosa White Spires Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

White form of September Glory.

PHLOX DECUSSATA (Hardy Garden Phlox)

To grow Phlox well be sure soil is well-drained, deep and heavily enriched. Keep in full sun. Water freely under the foliage. It likes its feet wet and its clothing dry. In wet weather dust with sulphur to prevent mildew. Don't plant too close to stone walls—they are damp. Set far enough apart to get good air circulation. Divide the roots every three or four years to keep plants vigorous and flowers large. Destroy all seedlings—they turn to ugly magenta colors and are so vigorous they crowd out named varieties.

Charles Curtis Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Brilliant sunset red. Does not fade. 30 inches high.

Count Zeppelin Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Pure white with vermilion-red eye. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

Katherine Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

The best of the light blues and it does not fade.

Lillian Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Delicate large pink flowers. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

Mary Louise Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Stunningly white large flowers. Late season. 30 inches high.

Mies Copyn (new) Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75

A giant new Dutch introduction—clear pink with carmine center. Rugged.

Pinkette Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Faint tinge of pink with a darker eye.

Rembrandt Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Enormous pure white and an excellent cutflower. Mid-season.

Salmon Beauty Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00

Salmon-pink flowers with white eye. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

San Antonio Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00
Very dark mid-season red.

Sir John Falstaff (new) Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75
A giant with a rich, luminous salmon-pink color. The individual pips or blooms are nearly 2 inches in diameter.

Von Lassburg Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00
Good for the background of a border. White blooms in mid-season on trusses 36 inches high.

White Admiral (new) Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75
Enormous white heads with side branches that prolong blooming beyond the normal Phlox season.

World Peace Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Ten \$6.75
A heavy growing pure white having dark green, glossy foliage and it blooms, believe it or not, in September.

A White Phlox Garden \$8.95
In one package—a pure white garden that will bloom vigorously a long time. Here three plants each of Mary Louise, Rembrandt, White Admiral, Von Lassburg and World Peace. (15 plants; a \$10.50 value.)

A Pink and White Phlox Garden \$10.95
We have always believed in massing colors of the same tone—or in massing not more than two contrasting tones. These pinks blend well—three each of Lillian, Pinkette and Sir John Falstaff, particularly when separated with three each of the following whites—White Admiral, Rembrandt and Von Lassburg. (18 plants; a \$13.00 value.)

PHLOX DIVARICATA

***Canadensis** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Dwarf blue phlox that blooms with Botanical Tulips in April. Grows about 15 inches tall, has heavy small broad leaves and is covered with clusters of flowers in early spring. Enjoys some shade.

PHLOX SUBULATA (Mountain or Moss Pinks)

These usable plants have pleasant moss-like foliage and when in bloom are covered with vivid flowers. Most varieties multiply rapidly. Cover bare spots or use as edging or as individuals in the rock garden. They require full sun; soil, dry and sandy and not too rich. Our large pads of each variety can be divided into 8 to 10 plants. (Neighbors' gifts are apt to have magenta colored flowers.)

***Alba** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Pure white.

***Emerald Cushion Pink**
Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Bright pink on dark green foliage.

***Emerald Cushion Blue**
Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Blue form of above.

***Vivid**
Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Bright pink with darker pink eye.

PHLOX SUFRUTICOSA (Early Phlox)

Miss Lingard Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00
The ever popular early white phlox with long tubular flower heads. Blooms from June until late Summer.

You Choose, We Choose Phlox Gardens

You Choose, We Choose Phlox Selection #1 \$4.25
You choose one each of any three varieties of any kind of Phlox; we choose one each of any four, limiting our choices to Phlox Decussata. (7 varieties, 7 plants, value about \$5.50).

You Choose, We Choose Phlox Selection #2 \$7.95
Two each as above. (7 varieties, 14 plants, value about \$10.00).

You Choose, We Choose Phlox Selection #3 \$11.75
Three each as above. (7 varieties, 21 plants, value about \$14.00).

PLATYCODON (Balloon Flower)

Requires a light sandy soil, well drained. Put in full sun. Do not disturb after planting. Once established it is rewarding—colored bells on 20 inch stems are excellent cut flowers and the plants bloom all summer.

Grandiflorum Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Deep blue bells on 20 inch stems. Single.

Grandiflorum Album Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
White form of the above.

Grandiflorum Shell Pink
Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00
Soft shell-pink. The coloring is at its best when grown in semi-shade.

THE IRIS FAMILY

German and related Iris listed in the fall edition (out July 1st). July-August is moving time for most of these plants and this will give you plenty of time to order and plant. If you can, be sure to see our permanent plantings of Iris in the Exhibition Garden (blooms in May, June and July).

*Rock Garden Plant

VERONICA (Speedwell)

All you should remember is to cut back faded flowers to promote new bloom and growth.

Blue Spires Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25
Deep blue flowers on 18 inch stems. Blooms June to September.

Longifolia Subsessilis Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25
Blue-flowering from July to September. Height: 2 feet.

Icicle Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.25
Pure white form of the above.

KITCHEN GARDEN HERBS

All these are perennials; all are hardy; all are for eating except lavender. You don't need many plants—this is strong stuff and in cooking use sparingly. Remember, you are after a flavor, not a taste. There are many more herbs but these are the best ones for cooking. Plant them convenient to the kitchen in full sun. They are not fussy about soils—but in very cold climates give them a light covering of salt hay or straw. (Temperatures in Litchfield go to as low as minus 20 degrees. We have no trouble even when we forget to cover. Yes, we forget things like that, too.)

Chives Three \$1.30, Ten \$3.00
The flower, small purple heads on 10-inch stems, appears in early June and is decorative. Use finely chopped leaves for flavoring salads or hors d'oeuvres. Strong grower, reproduces itself each time it is cut back.

Costmary Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.50
Use the whole leaf or chopped leaves to brighten mid-summer lettuce or vegetable salads.

Marjoram origarium vulgaris Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.50
Use leaves sparingly to flavor soups and gravies. Dry leaves and young shoots for winter use. This is better by far than what is usually sold as marjoram.

Sage Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.50
Dry leaves are used for flavoring meats, soups, stuffings, dressings.

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PAPAYER ORIENTALE (Oriental Poppy)

Listed in detail in the fall edition which should reach you in early July, the time, by the way, to transplant bare-root stock. Potted roots in full growth are available in early spring and late fall at the Sales Center for \$1.50 each.

Sweet Cicely Three \$2.10, Ten \$6.50

A few chopped leaves added to salads and cold dishes give a delightful zest.

Tarragon

Very large plants, Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Ten \$7.75

This is a basic cooking material in France. Fresh leaves and stalks added to vinegar produce tarragon vinegar. Fresh leaves also are chopped finely and dropped into salads or used to garnish meat or fish. Dried leaves flavor soups and pickles. A kitchen without tarragon is almost in the same boat as a kitchen without salt or pepper.

Thyme (Common, or *Thymus vulgaris*)

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25

Fresh leaves are used in salads; dried leaves are important for meats, soups and gravies.

Lavender

Large plants, Each \$1.25, Three \$3.25

Always in old-fashioned kitchen gardens, though not for eating. Snip when blooms open in May-June, dry them, use them—that's all there is to handling lavender. To grow it you need no special soils and once established the shrubby plants last indefinitely with minimum care.

An Old-Fashioned Kitchen Garden

Three each of Chives, Costmary, Marjoram, Sage, Sweet Cicely, Tarragon, and Thyme. Plus one Lavender.

Twenty-two plants. A \$15.50 value for . . . **\$12.50**

VIOLA CORNUTA (Perennial Tufted Pansies)

Anyone using good soil and plenty of water can grow these heavy bloomers. Pinch them back if they get "leggy"—they bloom at once in spring, stay blooming in hottest August and bloom again until heaviest frost.

***White Perfection** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Large pure white.

***Arkwright Ruby** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Bright ruby crimson with dark centers.

***Jersey Gem** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Compact violet-blue.

***Lutea Splendens** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Chrome yellow.

***Georgia Peach** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Bright new shades of delicate peach color. Large bloom, slightly ruffled on edges.

***Admiration** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Very large dark blue flowers.

POLEMONIUM (Jacob's Ladder)

A spreading plant, 6 to 8 inches high, with light blue flowers in April. Foliage is good in summer. Prefers light shade and average moisture. It makes excellent ground cover and is good in the rockery or at the edge of the border.

***Reptans** Three \$1.50, Ten \$4.25
Light blue flowers in April and May. 6-8 inches high.

Richardsoni Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Ten \$5.00
Rich blue, 20 inches. Blooms June through August.

POLYGONUM (Fleece Vine)

Excellent ground cover for sunny locations. Will do in sun as Vinca and Pachysandra does in shade. Easily grown in ordinary soil. Plant about 18 inches apart.

***Reynoutria** Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00
Light green foliage (6 inches high) which turns bright red in autumn. Spreads rapidly. Fleece-like sprays of pink flowers appear from September until killing frost.

SCABIOSA (Pincushion Flower)

Here is the perennial form of this popular annual and nothing could be more satisfactory. It is completely hardy; likes full sun. Scabiosa produces huge pincushion-shaped flowers on 24 inch stems the whole summer.

Caucasica Alba Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00
Pure white flowers. Likes a sandy loam and full sun.

Caucasica Goldensis Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00
Light blue form of the above.

Caucasica, Isaac House Hybrids Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00

Mixed shades of azure-blue and lavender to deep blue and silvery white.

SEDUM (Stonecrop)

Interesting fleshy leaved plants for the rockery. Full sun and poor soil suit them best. What more do you want in a plant?

***Spectabile Brilliant** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Heavy, thick grey-green foliage with flower clusters of bright rose-red from late July until October. About 18 inches tall.

SPIRAEA (Astilbe)

A good hardworking plant for the border. It throws pleasant flowers in June and July, then bushes out with decorative foliage. It grows anywhere in full sun, in any soil. Use in groups of three in the foreground.

***Rock Garden Plant**

Avalanche Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Ten \$7.75
Pure white flowers on 18-inch stems. Deeply cut dark-green foliage.

Fanal Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Ten \$7.75
Brilliant carmen-red flowers. Foliage a dark reddish green. 18 inches high.

Rheinland Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Ten \$7.75
Delicate pink spires.

STOKESIA (Cornflower Aster)

Prefers sunny, warm and sheltered location in well-drained soil. Plant early autumn.

Cyanea Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Ten \$6.00
Large, light blue disc-like flowers on 10 to 12 inch stems. Plant itself is dwarf in habit. A September bloomer and welcome in the border at that time.

TEUCHRIUM (Germander)

Dwarf, compact, bushy shrub-like plants with glossy deep green foliage. Prefers well drained location. Does best in sun.

***Chamaedrys** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
This very hardy plant can be used in place of miniature boxwood. Height 12-15 inches. Trimmed to any desired height.

THYMUS (Decorative Thyme)

(See Herbs for culinary variety.)

These are easily grown, form dense mats ideal for spaces between flagstones. Require full sun and that is about all. We sell large mats that can be divided into 10-15 plants. These are perfect, low growing covers for hot and dry places.

***Serpillum Album** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Dense mats of dark green foliage with small white flowers.

***Serpillum coccineum** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Ten \$7.00

Extremely dense mats of fine green leaves. Covered with reddish-purple flowers in late June. Evergreen leaves turn bronze in the fall; extremely hardy. 3 inches high. We consider this the best Thymus for planting between stones in terrace or walk. Extremely hardy and rugged.

***Citriodoros** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Ten \$5.25
Also known as lemon thyme because of its distinct lemon fragrance. Citriodoros grows from 6 to 8 inches high and is covered with small rosy blooms in June. Like all decorative Thymes it needs full sun. It makes a delightful dwarf border for an informal path. Needs light straw protection in winter to keep stems from drying out.

Gladioli and Tuberous Rooted Begonias

Except for an excellent mixture of named varieties we are not offering Giant Breeder Gladioli. This decision has been in the making a long time—Giant Glads have been too big and are getting bigger; they are of no use in the perennial border; their chief value is as a cut flower during the heat of summer. Our Breeder Mixture, planted every two weeks until July 15, will produce an excellent succession of blooms for cut flowers until frost. On the other hand, Miniature Gladioli have great charm and delicacy and are useful almost anywhere. Miniatures are our favorite Glads and they'll be yours, too, if you grow them.

Your special attention is called to the Tuberous Rooted Begonia list. They are all Camellia-Rose types and the tubers, only one year old, are the cream of the U.S. crop. The named varieties are all true to color and type and we look forward to a long and great list of distinctive new ones year after year. The development of this Begonia has amazed the horticultural world in the past. These new flowers, however, are just as revolutionary as anything the hybridizers have yet done.



Miniature Gladioli

GIANT AMERICAN BREEDER GLADIOLI

Mixture Doz. 95c, 25 \$1.80, 100 \$7.00

This is a service offer to those of our customers who are not Gladioli hobbyists but who want a succession of bloom in this type of flower for cutflowers. It contains only No. 1 bulbs of twenty top varieties with a heavy loading of whites and ivories.

GLADIOLI (Miniatures)

The miniature, branching Gladioli is a very desirable flower. It is decorative indoors without being overpowering.

Atom Six \$1.35, Doz. \$2.30, 25 \$4.20, 100 \$15.00
A fine branching red delicately silver-edged. It is the most versatile Gladioli ever grown.

Bo-Peep Six \$1.40, Doz. \$2.50, 25 \$4.50, 100 \$16.00
Pleasant buff-pink.

Little Gold Six \$1.40, Doz. \$2.50, 25 \$4.50, 100 \$16.00
Deepest yellow.

Starlet Six \$1.35, Doz. \$2.30, 25 \$4.20, 100 \$15.00
An excellent ruffled white.

Mixture Six \$1.35, Doz. \$2.30, 25 \$4.20, 100 \$15.00
We are proud of this mixture. It is loaded with Atom, Starlet, Bo-Peep and Little Gold, the very best of the miniatures. It also contains twelve other varieties, some of them quite expensive—plus all the bulbs from last year's miniature gladioli test garden.

TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIAS

For those who demand the finest we are offering a series of named varieties in the Camellia or Rose form. Each will be true to color. Equally unusual are the Camellia-Rose types, not in named varieties, which we can supply in shades in immense tubers. Tubers of these are giants, all only one year old, are specially selected out of hundreds of thousands of seedlings. We don't know where else you can get tubers of this size, each of which literally will produce a bush.

CAMELLIA-ROSE FORMS, Named Varieties

These doubles are absolutely true to color and form and are invaluable for shaded window box or patio plantings. Tubers are not graded for size but all are large and will produce splendid plants. These are rarities and like all rarities they are very scarce and orders should be placed earliest.

Santa Maria Each \$1.75, Three \$3.50, 12 \$12.00

A huge and heavily ruffled double Camellia-type white.

Santa Barbara Each \$1.75, Three \$3.50, 12 \$12.00

Ditto in delicate yellow.

Santa Margarita Each \$1.75, Three \$3.50, 12 \$12.00

Pastel pink, fully double and heavily ruffled.

Red Triumph Each \$1.75, Three \$3.50, 12 \$12.00

Ruby-red velvet.

Santa Paula Each \$1.75, Three \$3.50, 12 \$12.00

Ruffled camellia salmon.

Santa Rosa Each \$1.75, Three \$3.50, 12 \$12.00

Ruffled camellia rose.

CAMELLIA-ROSE TYPES, Unnamed

Giant Tubers Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00

These specimen Begonias can be ordered in shades of Red, Pink, Salmon and Yellow. Also a fine White. Tuber diameters are 2½ inches and up, mostly up. Order by shade but as these giant tubers (which produce giant plants) are scarce every year please indicate second and third choice of color.

Big Tubers Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65

You'll find these larger than most tubers sold for this price. Excellent for naturalizing. Order by color: Red, Rose, Pink, Salmon, Yellow, White.

TRITOMA (Red Hot Poker)

You won't want many of these but a few are extremely useful in the herbaceous border. Their common name is misleading (hybridizers have done wonders with them) and anyway we don't stock the red hot variety which is simply a horticultural vulgarity.

Maid of Orleans Each \$1.15, Three \$2.90, Ten 7.75

Empire-yellow blooms on 36-40 inch spikes. Changes color to straw-yellow to ivory-white. July-August.

Coral Sea Each \$1.15, Three \$2.90, Ten 7.75

A pastel coral-red flower overlaid with a deep rose coloring on 30 inch spikes. June-July. An interesting and good cutflower. (Patented.)

Primrose Beauty Each 90c, Three \$2.25, Ten \$6.50

Primrose-yellow. 30 inches. June.

Vanilla Each 90c, Three \$2.25, Ten \$6.50

Clear pale yellow. 24 inches. June. Foliage is grass-like.

Garden Gadgets

Forks, hoes, rakes, spades or what common garden tools you need—we don't have them. Buy them from your favorite hardware dealer; he has as good as we can get. Over the years we have found few special-purpose garden tools that lived up to their promotions. Here is the only one we recommend.

Dutch Hook Each \$2.75

This is the small, forged, sharp weeder the Dutch use for hooking weeds out of daffodil and tulip rows. We use it for all kinds of close weeding. It has an 18-inch handle—you have to stoop. No one else has this tool.

Winter Sunshine

—house plants do better if you turn a sunlamp on them occasionally during dull winter weather.

The Rose Collection

This is a highly selected list, by colors, of what we have found the best in Hybrid Tea, Floribunda and Climbing Roses. White Flower Farm chooses a new rose, not because it is new, but because it is better than an old one. All are hardy, of simple culture, of abundant bloom. Bare-root Roses are not shipped after April 15 and we do not mail Roses in the fall. The reasons are sound from a Rose's point of view—it should be in the ground as early in the spring as possible and never be subjected to warm November Indian Summer weather. Because these Roses are grown specially for us by a producer who is just as fussy about quality as we are, the supply is limited. Complete cultural directions with each order. The following prices are for bare-root stock; Roses growing in Easimoves are available at The Sales Center at the per each price plus 50 cents.

HYBRID TEA ROSES

These produce specimen blooms and most make wonderful cut flowers. Teas bloom from June until frost.

WHITE TEAS

McGredy's Ivory Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

A soft creamy-white of fine fragrance. It is a heavy bloomer and resistant to disease.

Mme. Jules Bouche Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

Fragrant white blooms, center shaded blush. Very free blooming and a tall grower.

Snowbird Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

White, with creamy center. Foliage leathery. Vigorous, compact, bushy. A splendid bedding variety.

Rex Anderson Each \$1.75, Three \$4.65, Doz. \$18.60

Pale lemon-yellow to white, large. Foliage gray-green. Vigorous. (Patented)

THE RED TEAS

Charlotte Armstrong Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Doz. \$24.00

Blood-red in bud, opens to cerise in hot weather, to spectrum red in cool. Never shows center, 3 to 4 inches in diameter. (1940 award; patented)

Chrysler Imperial (1953 Award) Each \$2.75

This fine rose is a vivid crimson. The buds are long and exquisitely tapered. You will find the plant exceptionally vigorous, the blooms exceptionally long-lasting.

Crimson Glory Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

Vivid crimson shaded ox-blood red. Petals have velvety nap.



Fandango Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00

Perfect bud of deep scarlet opens to large flowers of bright cerise red. Glossy foliage. (Patented)

Nocturne Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00

Long pointed bud; flower cardinal red to crimson. Upright, vigorous. (Patented)

Forty-Niner Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00

Inside petals vivid orient-red, outside chrome yellow. (Patented)

Etoile de Hollande Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

Double bright red blooms. Regardless of price this is one of the best of the red roses. Very free blooming.

PINK TEAS

Countess Vandal Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

Brilliant pink and salmon. Buds orange copper.

Helen Traubel (1952 award winner) Each \$2.75

Clear pastel tones of pink to apricot, even to orange at times. One of the three award winners we chose in the 1952 contest. (Patented)

Tallyho Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00

A remarkable bi-color predominantly pink. Large growing, heavy blooming plant. (Patented)

YELLOW, GOLDEN AND BLENDING TEAS

Sutter's Gold Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Doz. \$24.00

Yellow shaded coppery giving it true golden effect. (1950 award; patented)

Peace Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

Chameleon-like flower opening yellow, edged pink, deep-

ening in tone as bloom matures. Long lasting, heavy blooming — deserving of its title "Rose of This Century". (Patented)

Buccaneer Each \$2.75, Three \$7.75, Doz. \$27.50

The brightest, most colorful yellow rose. Vigorous and extremely tall-growing. (Patented)

Eclipse Each \$1.75, Three \$4.65, Doz. \$18.60

Bud long-pointed, deep gold. Flowers yellow. Foliage leathery. (Patented)

Mojave Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50, Doz. \$32.00

All-American Award 1954. The finest orange-colored rose. A vigorous plant of large size. Tests have proved it good in all areas. Highly recommended. Stocks limited. (Patented)

FLORIBUNDA ROSES

This group of Cluster Roses is the best for massed planting. They are husky, sturdy, hardy—grow from 2½ to 3 feet tall. They are continuous bloomers and should be planted on 14-inch centers in blending colors to get the best effect. Clump three to five of a variety.

WHITE TONES

Snowbank Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

As you would expect, a mass of double white flowers in heavy clusters which are as showy as a snow bank.

Dagmar Spath Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

A true white sport of Lafayette, with the same splendid characteristics as the parent variety. Free blooming.

RED TONES

Floradora Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

A gay cinnabar-red.

Carrousel Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00

A sparkling red Floribunda of medium height. (Patented)

Chatter Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

Double, cupped, brilliant red, large clusters. Bushy and compact. (Patented)

YELLOW TONES

Goldilocks Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

When in bloom, and that is constantly, the bush is a golden yellow mass. (Patented)

Poulsen's Yellow Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

Copper-yellow buds opening to yellow flowers in clusters. Foliage is glossy.

PINK TONES

Pink suffused salmon, edges deeper. Foliage leathery. (Patented)

Fashion Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00
Luminous coral-pink overlaid with gold. Colors lighten, then darken. (1949 award; patented)

Ma Perkins Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Doz. \$24.00
Clusters of coral-salmon flowers, very fragrant. A bushy plant and a heavy grower.

Vogue (1952 award) Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Doz. \$24.00
Iridescent, glowing rose flushed with salmon. Individual flowers 3 to 4 inches in diameter. Excellent cut flowers.

Lilibet Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00
All-American Award 1954. A dainty new pink Floribunda featuring a long succession of perfect light buds and delicately tinted flowers. (Patent pending)

Pinocchio Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

SPECIAL ROSE GARDEN OFFERS

Roses should be planted by themselves in as much mass as you can afford. If you'll use these You Choose, We Choose offers you'll buy mighty fine roses mighty cheap.

You Choose, We Choose Rose Garden #1 \$7.95
You choose one each of two varieties (except 1954 Award Winners); we choose one each of any four varieties. Six plants, six varieties—value about \$10.50.

You Choose, We Choose Rose Garden #2 \$12.50
You choose one each of any four varieties (except 1954 Award Winners); we choose one each of any six varieties. Ten plants, ten varieties—value about \$17.50.

You Choose, We Choose Rose Garden #3 \$21.50
You choose one each of any eight varieties (except 1954 Award Winners); we choose one each of any ten varieties. Eighteen plants—value about \$32.50.

CLIMBING ROSES

After testing climbers a long time we've narrowed the list to these. They are profuse bloomers and are hardy everywhere. (In extreme cold climates the canes should be protected lightly.)

Silver Moon Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00
Large (4.5 inch) semi-double white cupped flowers with golden centers.

Paul's Scarlet Climber Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00



This scarlet, semi-double is grown on its own root which eliminate trouble with suckers.

New Dawn Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00
Soft pink flowers in bloom continuously.

High Noon Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00
Intense yellow blooms of good form. (Patented)

Paul's Lemon Pillar Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00
Bud pale lemon yellow; opens to large pale sulphur-yellow flower on a long stem. Fragrant.

Blaze Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00
Semi-double, brilliant scarlet. Foliage large, leathery and dark. Generally blooms more than once a season.

Dr. J. H. Nicolas Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00
Large, full, fragrant, rose-pink roses. Foliage leathery. A pink climber with repeat blossoms. (Patented)

White Dawn Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00
Medium size, double, white. Recurrent bloom. Glossy foliage. Fragrant.

HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES

This is the old-fashioned bush rose and you'll find nothing more lovely. Needs no winter protection. Except where noted these beauties grow up to eight feet, spread almost eight feet. We only wish more people would grow them.

Frau Karl Druschki Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50
Snow white, immense blooms, pointed bud. Vigorous. About 6 feet.

Grootendorst Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50
Bright red cluster, with edges of petals serrated.

Harrison's Yellow Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50
Semi-double, open fragrant, bright yellow; strong stems. Foliage small, rich green.

PAEONIES (Peonies)

There are hundreds of varieties of Peonies. We have a very simple means of selecting them. We grow them; then, if we like them, if the stalk stands straight under the heaviest load of flowers, we sell them.

Once established, Peonies bloom freely for 25 years or more. We deliver only heavy roots—5 eyes and up. This size invariably produces flowers the very first spring; smaller roots rarely bloom until the second or third year.

Peonies are of easy culture. They are great feeders, not finicky about soils. Plant (in the fall only) with the eyes 1½ inches below ground. When frozen in, mulch with hay or leaves. No mulching is necessary afterwards. All make delightful cut flowers: when cut in heavy bud they will open and keep a week in water. Never cut more than two-thirds of a bush. Then snip off any seed pods that develop on the remaining stems.

Double Varieties

Baroness Schroeder Each \$1.50; Three \$4.00; Doz. \$15.00
Flesh white on sturdy stems. Fragrant. Blooms late.

Festiva Maxima Each \$2.00; Three \$5.50; Doz. \$20.00
Large pure white with occasional flecks of crimson at base of petal. Vigorous and early. Very fragrant.

Longfellow Each \$2.00; Three \$5.50; Doz. \$20.00
Double midseason crimson. Does not fade. Color intensified by showing of golden stamens in center. (Supply limited.)

Martha Bullock Each \$1.75; Three \$4.75; Doz. \$15.50
Very large flower of old rose pink. Late season. Fragrant.

Mon. Jules Elie Each \$1.50; Three \$4.00; Doz. \$15.00
Quite tall free-flowering, light-rose pink.

Myrtle Gentry Each \$2.00; Three \$5.50; Doz. \$20.00
Light pink blooms fading to white with age. This is the finest delicate pink. (Supply limited.)

Sarah Bernhardt Each \$1.50; Three \$4.00; Doz. \$15.00
Strong-growing dark pink of medium height.

Solange Each \$1.50; Three \$4.00; Doz. \$15.00
Creamy white with blends of buff and pale salmon pink. Petals dense. It is a late bloomer.

Therese Each \$2.00; Three \$5.50; Doz. \$15.00
Dark pink of medium height.

Walter Faxon Each \$2.00; Three \$5.50; Doz. \$15.00
Midseason light shell pink. Mildly fragrant.

Single Varieties

The Bride Each \$3.50; Three \$9.00; Doz. \$34.00
Pure white with rounded stamens. Peonies Continued

President Lincoln Each \$5.00; Three \$14.00; Doz. \$54.00

Extremely large, rounded petals of deepest red with velvet texture. Heavy center of golden stamens.

Japanese or Anemone-Flowered Peonies

Charm Each \$6.00; Three \$16.50; Doz. \$52.00

Late blooming dark red. (Supply very limited.)

Kukeni-Jishi Each \$6.00; Three \$16.50; Doz. \$52.00

Midseason flesh pink petals. Stamens form thick tuft of gold in center. (Supply limited.)

You Choose, We Choose Peony Gardens

Here's the biggest bargain in Peonies you'll ever find. Don't trust us to repeat this. Use the above varieties, any of them. Delivery in September.

You Choose, We Choose Peony Garden #1 \$7.50

You choose one Peony, any variety; we choose one each of two varieties. Three varieties, three plants—value up to \$10.00.

You Choose, We Choose Peony Garden #2 \$12.50

You choose one each of any two varieties; we choose one each of any three varieties. Five varieties, five plants—value up to \$18.00.

You Choose, We Choose Peony Garden #3 \$17.00

You choose one each of any three varieties; we choose one each of any four varieties. Seven varieties, seven plants—value up to \$27.50.

HYBRID PEONIES

These sensational things, of which there are a very few in this world, are catalogued this year for delivery at prices that are more reasonable than the \$30 to \$45 per root that has been current. They are single, early bloomers with color intensity and delicacy never before seen in a peony. Bloom is a full ten days before other types; blossoms are on extremely strong stems about 18 inches high. These hybrids have extreme vigor but due to their root formation they spread very slowly, a boon to the gardener whose peonies crowd the perennial border. (Note: this slow spreading habit also will keep prices up indefinitely; it takes an average of four years to produce one 5-eye root.)

Only 100 roots (5-eye) can be sold this fall—not more than three to a customer. If you would like to see these beauties, we will gladly send you Kodachrome slides.

Translucent Shades of Pink Each \$12.50, Three \$29.95

Translucent Shades of Rose Each \$12.50, Three \$29.95

Translucent Shades of Red Each \$12.50, Three \$29.95

Royal Dutch Amaryllis

The rarest strain of Amaryllis is the one developed by Warmenhoven, a small Dutch house which started hybridizing them seventy years ago and which consequently has about a fifty year start on everyone else. This strain differs from others in many respects: 1) colors are solid or, when striped, the markings are soft and indefinite rather than hard and garish, 2) blossoms have an iridescence or luster found in no other strain, 3) bulbs have great stamina and are highly resistant to disease, and 4) the strain has a wider color range than most. These hybrids will bloom for the rankest amateur. Fact is, we guarantee each to bloom.

Amaryllis are best used as winter flowering plants and by storing a part of your bulbs in a cool dry place you can have these sensational flowers in bloom from December until March. Complete cultural instructions are enclosed with each order. With only minimum care these Hybrids will throw more and more flowering stalks year after year. Here is a truly lasting investment in winter flowering plants.

MAMMOTH BULBS BY COLOR

For gardeners with greenhouses we recommend cutting the flowering stalks when the first bloom has opened. Amaryllis make a sensational cut flower—all buds open fully in water and will keep for two weeks.

These giant flowering hybrids will bloom for the rankest amateur. They can be grown either in the house or garden, but they are not hardy in our climate and if grown outdoors have to be dug before frost. Planted in a pot in winter they will bloom within six to eight weeks. (By keeping part of the bulbs dormant you can have a succession of bloom throughout the winter.) Plant them outdoors in March, April or May and they will bloom in July and August. Outdoor culture is easier than growing gladiolus. We can supply them from November through May but order early as the supply is limited.

Four to six blooms on each flowering stalk; some bulbs throw two stalks. Each guaranteed to bloom the first year.

Pure White Each \$4.50

Dark Red Shades Each \$3.50

Salmon Shades Each \$3.50

Rose Shades Each \$3.50

Apricot Shades Each \$3.50

Rose with White Stripe Each \$3.50

NAMED HYBRID AMARYLLIS

Last winter in Holland two of our partners were able to get a very limited quantity of the rare named hybrids, the end result of over 70 years of hybridizing. These flowers have a luster we have never seen before. Few



ever have been offered to the public; most go to specialists and to the botanical gardens of the world. Bulbs are huge and, of course, we guarantee each to bloom and each to be true to variety.

Agatha Each \$12.50

Very dark orange-red.

Red Champion Each \$12.50

The deepest of red with the center shading to blackest red.

Mont Blanc Each \$15.00

Alabaster white with delicate shadings of lightest green at the throat.

Orange Nassau Each \$12.50

Named after the Royal Dutch Family and it is not orange. Color: a light, burned-brick is close, if, of course, we are thinking of the same kind of Dutch brick.

Irene Each \$15.00

This is the daintiest of pink shadings.

Mme. Curie Each \$15.00

As close to pure salmon as you will find.

Best U. S. Garden Book

The partners here bought nearly every garden book when they were avid amateurs. The best is America's Garden Book. Its 1250 pages are perfectly organized; there is fine data on plant disease and prevention; it has an index anybody can use. The price \$4.50 from The Farm, plus postage.

Flowering Shrubs

More and more gardeners are planting more and more flowering shrub borders. They are extremely valuable for screening, take a minimum of care and are a truly permanent planting. Careful selection will provide bloom throughout the summer.

Planting: Dig a hole (placing the topsoil on one side) 8 to 10 inches wider and deeper than you need to accommodate the roots. Place the plant. Put the topsoil in the bottom of the hole. When all the topsoil has been used, water thoroughly. Then finish with the subsoil and leave a dish of earth about 18 inches in diameter with a 6-inch rim. Fill with water—and fill at least once a week during the first summer. If you live nearby you might want *Easimove* shrubs—they've been grown in their own ample tarpaper pots. They have heavy root balls; won't know they have been moved.

ALTHEA (Rose of Sharon)

These shrubs grow erect and stately and bloom their heads off from July to frost. Ultimate height is about 10 feet.

Celestial Blue Each \$1.75, Three \$4.75

A true blue Althea. Flowers are single, large, disk-like and profuse. One of the few shrubs that blossoms in July and August.

W. R. Smith Each \$1.75, Three \$4.75

Like the above in habit and time of bloom but pure white. Perfect for screening or specimen. Celestial Blue and W. R. Smith should really be planted together for best effect.

AZALEA (The Hardy Mollis)

Azalea Mollis is a plant of gorgeous variety and beauty; it is very hardy; and, contrary to popular belief, it does not require an acid soil. All Azalea Mollis wants is a respectable soil, an occasional top dressing of well rotted cow manure (or dried cow dung); it does not require an inordinate amount of water. Mollis does well in shade but prefers full sun. Do not cultivate deeply as the fine root mass is very close to the surface.

To get blooms in profusion year after year pick off the pods before seeds mature. If planted where temperatures go below 10 degrees minus, tops should be covered to prevent buds from blasting. We are sorry, but we are behind on deliveries with some of the named varieties. We suggest, though, that you order now for future delivery. These planting plants are heavily budded, most will bloom the first season.



Lilac

Chevalier de Reali Each \$5.00, Three \$14.00

Large flowers of pale lemon-yellow.

Directeur Moerlands Each \$5.00, Three \$14.00

Soft pale yellow shading somewhat to apricot-yellow.

Dr. M. Osthoek Each \$5.00, Three \$14.00

Brilliant fiery azalea-pink with a soft almost burnt-orange glow.

Koster's Brilliant Red
Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00, Doz. \$40.00

As named, a brilliant, vermilion-red.

Christopher Wren Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

Fine orange-yellow with enormous trusses. New.

Hort H. Witte Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

Orange-yellow with trusses more finely drawn.

Lemonora Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

Delicate apricot-yellow tinted pink, very large trusses.

Queen Emma Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

Fine orange, tinted salmon, huge trusses.

Mixed Varieties Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

These run the gamut of Azalea shades—amber, salmon-orange, copper, gold, yellow, flame-red, etc. Ultimate height runs from 3 to 6 feet. Shipping stock is three years old; it has flower buds and some will bloom a bit the first season.

AZALEA PONTICA (Hardy Ghent Azaleas)

These are even harder than Azalea Mollis but their blooming time, soil requirements and general habit of

growth are the same. Their special merit, besides extreme hardiness, is the unusual range of colors in the group. While the flowers are not as large as Mollis, they have equal brilliance and to many fanciers their variations of tint are more spectacular. Plants offered are 14 to 18 inches high with flowering buds.

Davies Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

Almost white with traces of pink.

Bouquet de Flore Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Brilliant clusters of deep pink.

Nancy Waterer Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Clusters of golden yellow.

Sang de Gentbrugge Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

The most vivid and brilliant red you ever saw.

Coccinea speciosa Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Finest deep orange, midseason.

Gloria mundi Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Another fine orange, midseason variety.

Ignia Nova Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Large carmine-red with yellow blotch. Late.

Raphael de Smet Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Pale pink, double and midseason.

BUDDLEIA (Butterfly Shrubs)

An eminently satisfactory shrub that makes a quick growth and blooms the first year. Buddleias do not show signs of growth until late spring or until the weather has become quite warm—so don't worry if they don't shoot stalks quickly. It is true that butterflies are attracted to them. These are the best varieties.

Fortune Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

Neat habit of growth—about 5 feet high, 4 feet across. Foliage is a dark, leathery green. Flower spikes are 12-18 inches long and rounded. Color is lilac with a brilliant orange eye in each tiny flower. Blooms from mid-summer to frost. Excellent cut flower.

Flaming Violet (Pat. #519) Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

A violet color of great intensity. Blooms until frost and keeps a long time when cut.

Fascinating Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

Here the color is a soft pink with a touch of gold in the eyes. Keeps in water and the more it is cut the more it grows.

Purple Prince (Pat. #706) Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

A sparkling, imperial purple with a golden eye.

White Profusion (Pat. #786) Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

A dwarf. Makes a stunning green mound.

EUONYMUS

This is the most versatile and easiest grown of shrubs. It has uses everywhere.

Radicans vegetus Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

Trimmed, it can be grown as a shrub or hedge; left uncut and planted around the base of old trees, it will climb 30 feet or more, densely covering the trunk. As a wall cover it is in a class with ivy. You can't eat it but that's about all you can't do with it. It is evergreen and absolutely hardy. 15 to 18 inch plants.

Alatus compactus Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

A dwarf (ultimate height 6 feet) with unbelievable brilliance of foliage in the autumn. It requires nothing special in soils, does well in shade, is of compact growth—all the requirements for the ideal hedge. As specimen plants in the lawn or shrub border (or in foundation plantings) they have no equal.

HYPERICUM

There are several varieties of this fine low-growing shrub that flowers brilliantly from early summer until stopped by frost. They make excellent specimen plantings in the perennial border or in the foreground of shrub plantings. We list only "Sungold"—it just happens to be the best Hypericum and we've forgotten about the others.

"Sungold" (Patent #518)

Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

Hardy, shapely and a true dwarf. It is almost perfectly oval, grows 2½ to 3 feet in diameter, holds its height to about 24 inches. Its dense foliage is a fine green all summer. Blooms are cymes of golden flowers at the end of each shoot of the summer's new growth. They are produced in tremendous quantities all summer.

CARYOPTERIS

(Hardy Blue Spires)

This is a low-growing shrub which blooms after most other flowering shrubs—from August until frost. It is covered with clusters of powdery-blue, fringed flowers. The plant is a nice rounded mound upon maturity—from 18-24 inches tall and about 2 feet in diameter. Foliage is lanceolated and silvery green. In very cold climates Caryopteris tops kill back to the roots. This doesn't hurt the plant at all—the new growth is luxuriant and it blooms heavily. Strongly rooted plants.

Blue Mist Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

CLETHRA ALNIFOLIA

(Sweet Pepperbush)

A slow growing shrub reaching a height of not over 10 feet upon maturity. The leaves are two-toned green and



quite lovely; they turn to bright clear yellow in autumn. It does best in low, wet places (or in moist uplands) and because it grows well in half shade it is an excellent shrub for naturalizing. Order in pink or white.

18 to 24 inch plants Each \$1.75, Three \$4.75, Doz. \$17.50

COTONEASTER

(The Queen of Shrubs)

Let it be said that it is one Queen of Shrubs and perhaps the Chinese were somewhat over-enthusiastic in calling it The Queen. It is outstanding, however, for the rich colors of its autumnal foliage and for the conspicuous clusters of berries ranging in color from brilliant orange-scarlet through varying shades of red to black. They are preceded by a profusion of pinky-white flowers wreathing the small branches. Because they thrive in shade or sun, in damp or dry soils, they are extremely usable.

Apiculata Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

This so-called Cranberry Cotoneaster is a dwarf reaching about 4 feet in height. Its arching branches are weighed down with bright crimson fruit in the fall and its foliage is shiny green through December. Hardy.

Divaricata Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

Grows from 5 to 6 feet high and has a graceful spreading habit. It has small polished green leaves and thousands of red egg-shaped berries. In the fall the leaves turn brilliantly.

CYDONIA (Flowering Quince)

This is one of the earliest blooming shrubs. Quince stands alone as a specimen shrub or, trimmed, they make excellent hedges. Ultimate height reaches 6 feet. The first two varieties offered are hybrids. Stock is extremely limited on these two.

Nivalis Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

This is the best pure white quince.

Charming Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75, Doz. \$35.00

Large, soft coral flowers deepening in color at the tips of the petals. It's an orderly plant reaching a height of 6 feet at maturity. Shipping plants are about 2 feet.

Knaphill Scarlet Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00, Doz. \$40.00

This is an English origination, a dwarf—eight-year-old specimens are not more than 18 inches high and about that measurement in width. In early spring, Knaphill Scarlet is a small mound of big vermillion-red flowers.

Stanford Red Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75, Doz. \$35.00

The buds open Geranium-red and deepen to blood red. It is excellent for cutting and it is almost thornless. Ultimate height 6 feet. Shipping stock about 2½ feet high and most will blossom their first season.

Spitfire (Patent #830) Each \$3.00, Three \$8.25

This excellent plant grows upright to 6 or 7 feet but it can be held down to 4 or 5 feet by clipping twice a year—no side pruning is necessary. Flowers are large and of deep crimson-red. Shipping stock is nearly 3 feet high

Japonica Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

This is the old favorite. It is covered with masses of coral-red flowers and recommended because it is cheap for screening or hedging.

DAPHNE CNEORUM

Cneorum is also known as The Garland Flower because of the profusion of delicately-scented, rose-pink flowers it produces. It is a low, spreading shrub which hardly ever reaches more than 12 inches in height. A splendid edging plant—like all Daphnes, it prefers full sun and a well-drained soil. They will not grow in poorly drained locations. Water sparingly in summer; and in winter, if protected from the coldest weather (say 20 degrees below), the cool green leaves will remain evergreen.

Heavily budded plants, 9-12 inches tall:

Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

DEUTZIA

All Deutzias are showy flowering shrubs having extremely bushy habits of growth. In May their heavy foliage almost completely disappears under a blanket of small, frilled, bell-like flowers.

Gracilis Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

This variety seldom reaches a height of 3 feet and is excellent as a low hedge. It is covered in May with flowers of purest white and it tolerates light shade.

Crenata Suspensa Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

A new hybrid producing larger, single, snow white flowers. It grows to 4 feet and makes excellent mid-ground material for the shrub border.

HYDRANGEA

These useful shrubs are offered here in two types. Both are extremely hardy. The plants are not fussy but do best in full sun in well-drained locations.

Nikko Blue Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

Huge blue cones on long canes which die down each winter.

H. Praecox 2-3 feet, Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

Ultimate height of this plant is about 4 feet. Flowers are cone shaped, open pink, turn to white.

FLOWERING ALMOND

Glandulosa Alba Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75

Small, very double white rosettes of flowers in great profusion in late April and early May. Ultimate height: 4 to 5 feet.

Glandulosa Rosea Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75

Very double, rose-colored form of the above.

LILACS (The French Hybrids)

If you like the old-fashioned lilacs (and who doesn't) you'll certainly want these lovely things. The hybridizers have been working with them, particularly the great French horticulturist Lemoine, and Lilacs are now works of art. The trusses are huge and many varieties make excellent cut flowers. All of these new Lilacs come into bloom at a much younger age than the old ones.

Ambassadeur Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Broad spikes of very large single flowers of azure-lilac lightened by a conspicuous white center.

Esther Staley Each \$5.00

This is the only pink lilac to date. Buds are red, flowers single. It is a fine and rare plant. Midseason. 2 to 3 feet. (Patented).

Charles Joly Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Large double flower of violet color shading almost to red.

Hugo Koster Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Double large flowers of mauve.

Macrostachia Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Huge single flowers, truly pink.

Marie Finon Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

Trusses covered with immense double flowers of purest alabaster white.

Waldeck Rosseau Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Another delicate pink, this of most delicate tone.

Mme. Buchner Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Large rich double pink flowers.



Weigelia

Marie Legraye Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Single, pure white.

Mme. Lemoine Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Large double white.

Michael Buchner Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Double lilac-blue.

President Falliers Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Double pure lilac.

Large, rich, immense, huge, pure—we wish these words didn't seem to lose their meanings in describing the new Lilacs. But you don't have to worry, pick any Lilac from this list by colors and we promise you won't be disappointed.

SPIRAEA

A fine group of shrubs that are sun-loving but able to withstand almost any abuse in location and soil condition.

Japonica Coccinea Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

This replaces the older variety Anthony Waterer. Its flowers are crimson-red. It blooms in July, normally a bare month for blooms in shrubbery. The color does not fade in the sun and if old flowers are cut off it will continue to bloom all summer. Coccinea reaches 3 feet in height.

Vanhouttei (Bridal Wreath)

Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50, Doz. \$12.00

An arching shrub growing about 5 to 6 feet. The slender branches are covered with panicles of white flowers in late May and early June. It is not new but it is a favorite.

POTENTILLA FRUITICOSA

(Gold Drop)

We call this a mighty fine small shrub. It has compact growth, a slightly irregular mound-like shape about 2 to 2½ feet upon maturity. It is densely covered with small

fernlike leaves and it blooms vigorously from early June to late October. The buttercup-like flowers are intensely golden yellow and literally stud the plant. It does best in full sun and is hardy below zero. It is a consistent and persistent flowerer and if spaced 12 inches apart it makes the most delightful low, flowering hedge you can imagine.

Heavy-rooted Plants Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

PHILADELPHUS (Mockorange)

Atlas (Giant Mockorange) Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

It is the flowers that are giants, not the plants, although they will attain a considerable size if not pruned. The huge blossoms (3 inches across) are as large as Dogwood blooms and they make excellent cut flowers—so you will prune. Philadelphus is hardy, requiring no special culture.

Enchantment (Double) Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

Its branches are erect and on maturity the bush rarely grows over 6 feet. The flowers, set very closely, are double and sweetly fragrant. It will grow well in light shade.

Innocence Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

An alabaster-white mockorange producing heavily. Flowers are delicately fragrant. Height at maturity is about 6 feet.

SALIX (Willow)

French Pussy Willow Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50, Doz. \$12.00

Not the unreliable wild Pussy Willow but a fine French cultivated variety. You see branches of these selling in florist shops for \$5.00 a dozen during the later winter months. So grow them yourself. Cut the ends of branches in January or February and place in water indoors. The large, silver-pink catkins (1 to 2 inches long) will start unfolding shortly and will last in a cool room for two weeks. When planting cut the branches back to 6 inches to promote long, vigorous new canes. Keep pruning heavily each spring (after catkins have formed) or Salix will grow to 10 feet.

VIBURNUM

One of the most fragrant and beautiful shrubs. After flowering in the spring they make heavy mounds of dark green clear to the ground and in the fall they turn brilliantly.

Burkwoodi Each \$5.00, Three \$14.00

This new English hybrid is a most amenable plant—it thrives in sun or shady places. It is also low-growing (6 feet upon maturity) and ideal for today's smaller establishments. Flowers are produced in early spring when leaf buds are unfolding and form round, domed clusters which are fragrant enough to perfume a neighborhood. Foliage is shiny dark green in summer; turns brilliant in autumn. Shipping-size plants 2 to 3 feet. Larger specimens in Easimove pots available at the Sales Center.

WEIGELA

Lovely shrubs flowering in May, June and July. Their Fox-glove-like flowers are borne in profusion. Most Weigela like a moist soil and should stand without competition from the shade or roots of large trees.

Bristol Ruby Each \$1.75, Three \$4.75, Doz. \$17.50

Immense quantities of ruby-red flowers in the spring. The plant then blooms on and off during the rest of the season. Height at maturity is 6-7 feet. This is the best Weigela for specimen planting or forward border work.

Eva Ratke Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50

Dark rose-red flowers in the spring. Matures at 7 to 8 feet and because it grows close to the ground is fine for screening.

Rosea Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00

Rose-pink flowers, blooms May-June. Excellent for screening.

KOLKWTZIA AMABILIS

(Beauty Bush)

A favorite of pink bell-shaped flowers in June. It tolerates poor or dry sandy soil and is of easiest culture. The foliage is heavy and covers the plant to the ground. Height, 8 feet.

Each \$2.25, Three \$6.25, Six \$12.00

LONICERA

(Honeysuckle Bush)

Tatarica Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50, Doz. \$12.00

An upright but spreading shrub bearing pink and white flowers in late May and June. Fragrant. An excellent shrub for screening as it reaches 10 feet.

FORSYTHIA-SPRING GLORY

This is the Bush that grew in Brooklyn—the common varieties are everywhere and although they are quite beautiful, Spring Glory is so much more beautiful that we urge you to get it instead of accepting a chunk of root of a common variety from an obliging neighbor. Spring Glory produces twice as many flowers as common Forsythia. Also, the blossoms are larger and of a pale yellow that is more pleasing than the usual citrons. Like ordinary Forsythia, branches cut and brought indoors during January and February burst into bloom a few days later.

2 to 3 feet Each \$1.75, Three \$4.65, Doz. \$18.60

3 to 4 feet Each \$2.25, Three \$6.25, Doz. \$22.50

Evergreens and Ornamentals

Here is a collection of Evergreens, the Broadleaf and Needle types. It contains the best of the Yews, Hemlocks, Arborvitae, Junipers, Holly and Rhododendron — mostly slow-growing, hardy landscape material. This stock is of highest quality, scarce and in heavy demand.

Mail order customers please take note: we have added small sizes in many varieties of the needle Evergreens — the useful Yews and Arborvitae. They are husky fellows running ten to twelve inches. They are balled and burlapped and can be shipped economically anywhere. You'll find the prices reasonable. In a few seasons these fine plants will grow into very valuable specimens. We particularly recommend them to the new home-owner who wants the best in landscape material, but who would rather grow his own specimens than make the heavy investment such plants require.

The Needle-type Evergreens

JUNIPERUS (Juniper)

Junipers are valuable ornamentals; most grow slowly; they thrive in sandy-loam soils in full sun.

J. chinensis pfitzeriana. Pfitzer's Spreading Juniper. Slightly larger than most spreading types. Gray-green plume-like foliage, useful as a filler in foundation or border planting. Very hardy, indifferent to drought.

18 to 24 inch \$6.50, 24 to 30 inch \$8.50

J. communis depressa plumosa. The Andorra or feathery type Juniper. Turns bronze in the fall.

18 to 24 inch \$6.00

PINUS (Pine)

Their stout roots seek water in almost impossible sandy soils; they thrive in good soils. Specimens of all hardy varieties can be obtained for customers interested.

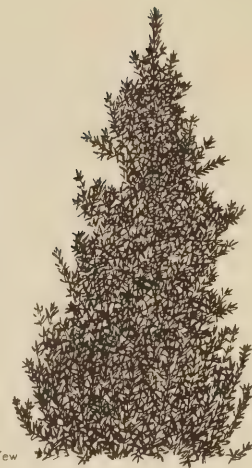
P. montana mugho. The extremely hardy, slow growth dwarf pine. Mounded with short stubby needles.

18 to 24 inch \$5.00

TAXUS (Yew)

Rich and dark green color, hardiness, freedom from disease and slow, rugged development make this one of the best evergreens. Taxus stands heavy pruning and is adapted to nearly every kind of landscape requirement.

T. cuspidata. The Japanese spreading Yew bearing bright red berries in the fall. Responds to shearing but is at-



Pyramidal Yew

tractive when developed naturally. Excellent hedge, border or foundation stock. Does well in partial shade.

10 to 12 inches, Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Ten \$17.50

15 to 18 inch \$5.00, 18 to 24 inch \$6.50

T. cuspidata capitata. The Japanese pyramidal Yew. Its dark green foliage is covered with red berries in the fall. For formal plantings, for hedges or as specimens.

10 to 12 inches, Each \$2.50, Three \$6.75, Ten \$20.00

3 to 3.5 feet \$12.00, 3.5 to 4 feet \$15.00

T. cuspidata nana. The dwarf Japanese Yew. Irregular and spreading in growth. Very compact. For low hedges in formal plantings or as a specimen.

12 to 15 inches \$5.00

T. media hicksi. Also called Hicks' Yew. Upright columnar shape with exceptionally dark green needles. Bears red berries profusely.

10 to 12 inches, Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Ten \$17.50

2.5 to 3 feet \$6.00, 3.5 to 4 feet \$7.50

T. cuspidata Intermedia. A hybrid Yew with waxy, deep-green foliage that is always shapedly and compact.

10 to 12 inches, Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Ten \$17.50

THUJA (Arborvitae)

Ornamentals of narrow pyramidal habit. Favorites in formal gardens. Make excellent large hedges and beautiful windbreaks.

T. occidentalis globosa. Globe Arborvitae. Compact, globe-shaped variety maintains shape without trimming.

12 to 15 inches, Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Ten \$17.50
15 to 18 inches \$5.00, 18 to 24 inches \$6.00

T. occidentalis nigra. Dark American Arborvitae. Fast growing, hardy pyramidal tree.

12 to 15 inches, Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Ten \$17.50
2.5 to 3 feet \$4.50, 3.5 to 4 feet \$6.00, 4 to 5 feet \$8.00

T. occidentalis compacta erecta. Deep green foliage, compact and semi-dwarf in growth. Excellent for specimen planting.

10 to 12 inches, Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Ten \$15.00

T. occidentalis rosenthalii. Rosenthal's Arborvitae grows 8 to 10 feet high, has rugged, deep green, dense foliage. Ideal for hedges.

10 to 12 inches, Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Ten \$15.00

TSUGA (Hemlock)

Used as lawn specimens they attain great size and beauty; by shearing they can be used as foundation planting and kept from over-growing indefinitely; for borders or screens they are perfect backgrounds. Hemlocks thrive in shade better than most other evergreens.

T. canadensis. Canadian Hemlock. Will make maximum growth as specimen to 100 feet. Perfectly hardy.

3 feet, \$7.00

Broadleaf Evergreens

These include the hardy Holly, Mountain Laurel, Daphne cneorum and, of course, Rhododendron. They are used either in foundation plantings or in the flowering shrub border.

MOUNTAIN ANDROMEDA

Pieris floribunda 18 to 24 inches, \$6.00

Mountain Andromeda is a dense slow-growing shrub reaching a maximum height of about six feet. Slow growth and broad, dull green leaves are its great assets, not the small white flowers in spring. Grows in shade.

KALMIA (Laurel)

As you know, Mountain Laurel is Connecticut's State flower; it grows wild here and in profusion. Most plants offered for sale are snatched out of the woods and few of them are well formed. We grow them from tiny seedlings, well-spaced, to get their natural and beautiful

spreading heads. We also propagate from seeds taken from natural and unusually beautiful hybrids in the woods. Our supply of saleable plants is very limited and at this time we are behind in filling orders. However, we suggest that you place your order now for future delivery—you will be given priority.

15 to 18 inches, \$2.75 each 18 to 24 inches, \$4.00 each

ILEX (Holly)

There is only one hardy Holly, Convexa, and it is as hardy as an oak. It is a choice evergreen with shiny boxwood-like leaves so thick the branches don't show. (It does not have the conventional Christmas Holly leaf or red berries—that Holly is not hardy.) Convexa is a very bushy plant—it grows 4 feet high and about 3 feet across. It can't be beat as an accent plant and it is ideal for small evergreen hedges. Each plant is shipped with a small ball of earth.

Convexa, 12 to 15 inches Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

HYBRID RHODODENDRONS

These hybrids do not require shade, they do just as well in full sun. They do, however, require an acid soil—load it heavily with peat moss and leaf mold. When ordering these named hybrids, please specify color wanted—they come in shades of soft rosy lilac, white, lavender, bright red. Plant them in banks and either mix colors or keep three of a shade together.

Named Hybrids, 12-15 inches \$5.00

R. Cunninghami

A dwarf spreading type covered with a mass of white flowers in June. Likes a slightly alkaline soil and does best in partial shade protected from hot winds. A fine foundation plant for the modern or ranch-type dwelling. Cunninghami is scarce and if you cannot get good specimens in your neighborhood we will ship 15-18 inch plants, heavily balled and-burlapped, express collect. Please add \$2.50 to one plant for crating costs, \$5.00 for three plants. No shipments after April 10th.

12 to 15 inch (spread) \$5.00; 15 to 18 inch \$7.50,
18 to 24 inch \$10.00

PYRACANTHA (Firethorn)

Coccinea Lalandi Each \$2.25, Three \$6.25

This excellent evergreen shrub, after bearing trusses of white flowers in late spring, produces a crop of small orange-scarlet berries which remain until late winter. Birds like them. Good for dry foundation plantings. Thrives in protected well-drained locations.

Ornamental Trees

Trees for shade and flowering trees are a necessity in any landscape. Herewith some of the best and most popular ornamentals. Other trees, Birch, Beech, Oak, Plane, Lindens, etc., can be procured through The Farm in any size.

ACER (Maple)

A. Platanoides Schwedleri nigra. Crimson King Maple. (Patented) This European origination is a brilliant crimson throughout the season.

6 to 7 feet, \$8.00 each.

CORNUS (Flowering Dogwood)

C. florida. America's native flowering tree. The white form. Needs southern exposure in windy, very cold locations to keep buds from blasting.

2 to 5 feet, \$5.00 to \$15.00 each.

C. florida rubra. Rose-red form of the above.

2 to 5 feet, \$6.00 to \$15.00 each.

HAWTHORNS

(Crataegus Oxyacantha)

The English Hawthorn is a completely hardy flowering shrub or small tree with spreading branches and stout spines. Left unclipped it will grow to about 15 feet and is ideal for the small lawn where a Maple would be too big and throw too much shade. Large clusters of flowers are produced in tremendous quantities in the spring and are followed by scarlet fruit.

Autumn Glory Each \$5.50, Three \$15.00

Big clusters of white blooms followed by berries of brilliant red which stay well into the winter.

Paul's Scarlet English Hawthorn Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

A brilliant rosy-red, double-flowering variety.

PRUNUS (Almonds & Peaches)

This group of extremely floriferous small trees is of remarkable beauty, highly recommended for the small plot, and all are hardy.

P. Iceberg Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75

Pure white double flowering Peach. Prune back to 8 inches after flowering. Plant only in spring. Prices above are bare root only.

P. Pink Charming Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75

Double rose-pink flowering Peach. Treat as above. Prices bare root only.

MALUS (Flowering Crabs)

Among the small flowering trees, the Crabs are by far the most sensational group—they stand alone in profusion of bloom, only the ornamental cherries are close to them. None equals them in hardiness or in ability to bloom in exposures that blast the buds of more delicate flowering trees.

Even the smallest plot can support one fine Crabapple; fence lines on farms or estates planted with Crabs on 25 foot centers become tree lines of rare beauty in a few years. All stock for shipment is three years old and trees generally bloom a year after planting.

Crimson Brilliant

Each \$7.00

A most brilliant red flowering crab. It becomes more and more floriferous as it grows older; is of extreme hardiness and can be grown anywhere. Upon maturity it reaches about 15 feet, about the limit for small gardens. It is a new variety and the supply is very limited. Only the earliest orders can be filled. (Plant Patent #939.)

Floribunda Hilleri

Each \$5.00

This new English origination replaces older Floribunda. The flowers, nearly an inch in diameter, are semi-double and of crimson color in the bud. They open to bright pink and cover the tree with heavy clusters of bloom. It's a late bloomer. Ultimate height is from 10-12 feet.

Kaido or Fragrant Crab

Each \$5.00

When fully grown Kaide is upright, almost pyramid in form. It is not much more than 4 feet wide and matures at 8-10 feet. In the bud it is rose pink and blooms open to rich clear pink. Blooms are deliciously fragrant.

Pink Weeper Crab

Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

A splendid specimen plant for the lawn which grows from 12-15 feet high. The weeping branches, covered with crimson-purple blossoms, droop to the ground. Shipping plants 4 to 5 feet.

Irene

Each \$6.50, Three \$17.50

A fine new hybrid crab apple. Dwarf tree or shrub with large rose-red flowers, purplish leaves and purple fruit. Mature tree is more spreading than upright. Eight year old tree should be about 5 to 6 feet tall, about 6 to 7 feet wide. Shipping plants 3 to 4 feet.

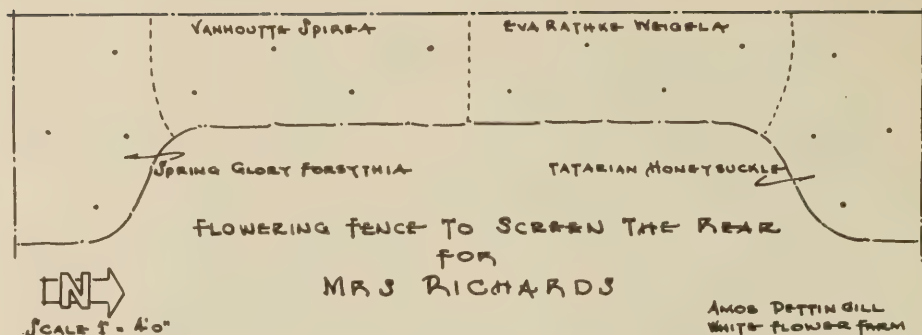
FORSYTHIA-LYNWOOD GOLD

This is a splendid new Irish origination that will undoubtedly replace all Forsythias of deep yellow color. Branches are erect and profusely covered with golden blossoms of unusual size. Supply limited this year.

3 to 4 feet

Each \$2.50, Three \$6.75, Doz. \$25.00

20 SPRING, 1954 White Flower Farms



The Flowering Fence—Beautiful, Economical

No, not Rosa Multiflora, but a fence of fast-growing flowering shrubs that provides privacy and beauty at very low cost. (Use Rose Multiflora only on farms.) This flowering fence is made up of bush Honeysuckle, Weigelia, Vanhouttei Spirea and upright Forsythia. Forsythia starts the parade of bloom, a procession that doesn't end until July. (Weigelia usually can be depended upon to throw a light second crop of flowers in late fall.) This fence can be kept pruned to a 4 to 6 foot height, or let grow to provide a 12 foot screen. Space the plants according to the plans, using either curved or straight border lines.

Planting: If you can't put these shrubs into the ground immediately, open the package and wet the plants thoroughly. Dig large holes and throw the topsoil to one side, the subsoil to the other. (Dig them all before you bring out the plants.) Use no fertilizer in the hole at planting time. Set the plants slightly deeper than we grew them in the nursery (you can tell from the soil line), putting the topsoil in the bottom of the hole. (Unpack plants one by

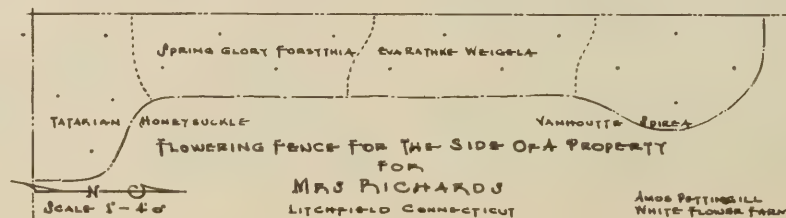
one and keep roots away from sun or drying wind.) Shake the plant gently to firm the roots and then pour a couple of gallons of water in the hole. Fill up with subsoil, and as you fill, tramp the dirt into place. Then make a dish of dirt with a radius of about 10 inches around the plant. Fill this up with water. Then fill again. (When dry weather comes be sure to fill these dishes of dirt with water at least once a week.)

This fence can be made more attractive by planting Spring-flowering bulbs (Crocus, Narcissus, Botanical Tulips, Snowdrops, Scilla) under it next fall. When the fence has grown enough to provide ground-shade, usually the second year, put in Pachysandra or Myrtle (or both) as a ground cover.

40 feet of Flowering Fence

\$14.95

Four plants each of Forsythia, Weigelia, Lonicera and Vanhouttei Spirea — 16 plants, pruned back to two feet, heavily rooted. Must be bought in units of 40 feet. Regular catalogue value about \$25.00.



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Unless you specify otherwise we urge you to permit careful substitution in all kinds of plant material except flowering trees and shrubs.

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All shipments are PREPAID. See last line (below) and paragraph #3 of CONDITIONS OF SALE (over).

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(Please print.)

Ship to:

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Quantity**Catalogue Description****Unit Price****Total**

If this is a gift have you enclosed your card?

Have you any special instruction? If so, attach a note to this form.

Do not enclose cash. Use money order or check.

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Please add 3% sales tax to the above subtotal for orders shipped to Connecticut addresses

Add transport service charge on this line.

Add 75 cents for orders up to \$9.95.

Add \$1.25 for orders from \$10.00 to \$19.95.

Add \$2.25 for orders from \$20.00 to \$34.95.

All orders over \$35.00 shipped free.

No additional charge for split shipments.

WARRANTY

In case of damaged shipments notify your express agent and us immediately. We will reship at once and help collect the express claim. All other claims should reach us within thirty days. Our replacement policy is liberal but we cannot be responsible for damage beyond our control.

Note: Because different plants are best moved at different times your order may require two or three shipments.

If a charge, your signature here, please _____

Total:

CONDITIONS OF SALE (Please Read Before Ordering)

By Mail Order (Please order early.)

1. Plants are sold only as quoted. If a per each price is not quoted, no offering of the material is made on that basis.
2. Remittances must accompany order unless an account has previously been set up. Please use checks, money orders or bank drafts—never cash. If you live in Connecticut the 3% sales tax must be added.
3. We make a flat transportation service charge based on the dollar amount of an order and prepay all charges—Parcel Post or Railway Express. (Note last line of order form.) This fee eliminates the problem of your being billed on each individual shipment and the further nuisance of having to pay two and sometimes three small charges, no one of which amounts to a dollar. (See Paragraph 5.) The fee also eliminates delay in getting material to you—packages never go back to the express office for re-delivery because you weren't at home to take care of a C.O.D. Orders up to \$9.95 carry a 75 cent transportation service charge; up to \$19.95 the charge is \$1.25; up to \$34.95 add \$2.25; orders over \$35.00 are shipped free.
4. About the You Choose, We Choose Selections. Customers' choices will always be filled true to variety as long as stocks are available. In the event a variety is sold out we reserve the right to substitute an equally or a more expensive variety (never a less expensive one) without consulting the customer.
5. We ship all plants, roses, shrubs and bulbs at a time when they are best planted in your locality. Because some plants can only be transplanted at specified times two or three shipments may be required to fill your order.
6. The replacement policy of White Flower Farm is liberal. The majority of our customers are advanced gardeners who know how to take care of flowering material and as a consequence we have very little replacing to do. However, if a shipment reaches you dam-

aged or in bad condition (the date it leaves The Farm is plainly marked on each package) please let us know at once. It will be replaced immediately. All other complaints or problems should be brought to our attention within 30 days, if possible.

7. When reporting errors in orders please include your name and address—there are a surprising number of people who forget this.
8. We reserve the right to reject orders for field-grown bare root material if, in our opinion, the distance or delivery time is so long that this premium stock might suffer deterioration in transit. Parcel post and express service are about half as good as they were pre-war and this sharply restricts shipment of field-grown stock like Delphinium, Columbine, Lilacs, etc. Potted plants (like Chrysanthemums) are not a problem and generally can be shipped safely anywhere.
9. We urge you to permit us to substitute if material is sold out and cannot be back-ordered for planting the next season. We will send you the nearest variety to the ordered material, taking particular care that color and season of bloom are the same and that habits of growth are similar. Substitutions cause no particular difficulty in bulbs or flowering plants. We will not substitute in the flowering shrub and small tree category but will back-order the material or refund your money.

At the Sales Center

1. Material that must be dug for you in the gardens is sold only as quoted herein. If a per each price is not quoted, no offering of the material is made on that basis. All other plants, shrubs, roses, and bulbs are sold as marked in The Sales Center.
2. Orders requiring digging must be paid for in advance.
3. No replacements can be made on *Easimove* plants unless we are notified within two weeks. They are healthy, vigorous material when purchased from The Sales Center and failures with them are rarely traced to the plant.
4. No replacements can be made on cut flowers bought at The Sales Center. They are guaranteed to be not over 24 hours old and have been specially conditioned for at least 12 hours in our refrigerator.

The Perennial Border

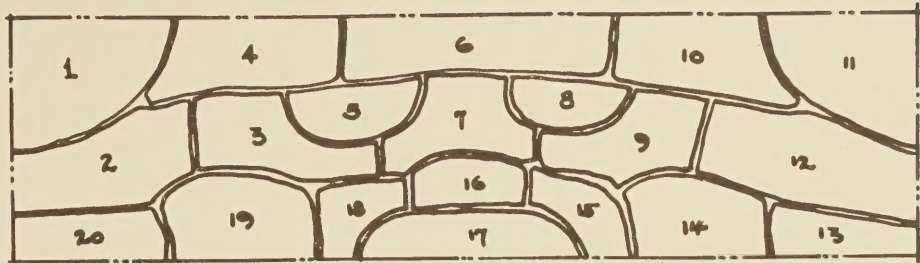
Here is a hobby just as much an art form as painting. With a perennial border you paint with plants. That's the only difference. But instead of reaching a static end, as does a picture, your perennial border is never finished. Also, the picture changes constantly during the summer as different plants come into bloom. It is a picture in depth—a fact that may increase its popularity in this age of third dimension. And no two perennial borders are alike. Yours, therefore, is unique—uniquely your expression of the art of arranging living, changing bloom and shades of green.

We have found that building a border is merely the problem of getting started. It need not be large to be effective. Our white perennial border (after which The Farm is named) began as a 4' x 4' affair fifteen years ago. It's now 70 feet long and 6 feet wide. We have no plan for adding to length (no more room).

Now this border of ours never had any special preparation. Its soil used to grow fine weeds and we figured if the weeds were killed out, the soil, with a little help, would grow flowers. It did. Topsoil is not more than 10 inches thick. We dig in a little old cow manure every other season; occasionally sprinkle a little lime around lime-loving plants like Delphinium; early each spring we give it a shot of an organic fertilizer (Milorganite), but if that isn't handy we use any ordinary chemical fertilizer. We've never sent off a soil sample for analysis and although in an expansive moment we once bought a kit of chemicals for \$15.00 and made innumerable tests, the kit went into disuse quickly—couldn't tell for the life of us what the test tubes were saying.

The plants themselves signal their condition quickly. If leaves are nicely green they have enough nitrogen. If stalks stand erect after a storm it is likely that enough phosphorus and potassium are available. Lime, a "sweetener", should be used gingerly because most plants like soil slightly on the "sour" side. It takes very little reading in catalogues or garden books to find out about those relatively few plants that like to be doused with lime. So douse them. Just don't overfeed plants, keep them lean and strong. The point here is that chemicals, organic or inorganic, are strong foods—too much nitrogen, for example, will grow mighty fine leaves, few flowers. A gardener is always safe with old cow manure (a year or more).

Most of the stuff you read in the garden publications,



Size 4' BY 15'

those minute, multitudinous directions to do this or that at a specific time, can scare the wadding out of even an experienced gardener. Take this talk with a grain of salt (we've found that plants are most durable things, actually takes work to kill one). All you need is the experience of a season or two behind you. Then take a look at your thumbs. When they are kind of grimy and calloused a bit (not green) you're on your way.

How about care? Well, a little shallow weeding is all right but don't dig deep; it's hard on your back and bad for perennials. Deep cultivation destroys the delicate feeding roots which form close to the surface. Spraying? Modern spraying and dusting materials are so efficient and simple to use this is no problem.

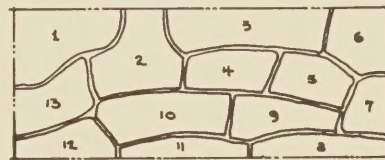
The selection of plants is your option. This catalogue will tell you color, height and other growth characteristics of most perennials. Plant low growing perennials in front, medium height ones in the middle, tall ones at the back. It is also a good idea to plant some annuals to take care of bare spots. We suggest planting tulips, narcissus and lilies in clumps rather than in a broadcast planting—then you know their locations, keeps you from cutting their heads off when you are cleaning up in spring; also you can get at them easily when they need thinning or replacement.

The two Perennial Borders on this page are bare-bone plans on which to build. You should not expect too much bloom this year as the plants will not be established until they have spent a season in place. German Iris, Peonies and some other species can be planted later; just tuck them in between other plants. Fall is the time to plant bulbs. The bloom you admire today is the result of what you did a year, or perhaps two years ago. Your changing flower picture, therefore, has a most satisfactory continuity, pleasurable delayed rewards.

4' x 15' Perennial Border

\$45.95

Note: The numeral before the variety is the key to the planting plan above; the numeral after the variety indicates quantity. 1 Delphinium mixed 3; 2 Hemerocallis Imperator 3; 3 Polemonium Richardsoni 3; 4 Lupine mixed 3; 5 Iris Wabash 2; 6 Phlox Von Lassburg 5; 7 Daisy Mt. Shasta 3; 8 Dicentra Spectabilis 2; 9 Veronica Blue Spire 3; 10 Anchusa Dropmore 3; 11 Liatris September Glory 3; 12 Aquilegia Mrs. Scott Elliott 4; 13 Iberis Purity 3; 14 Dicentra Exima 3; 15 Dianthus Salmon Unique 3; 16 Dianthus Moonmist 3; 17 Campanula Carpatia 7; 18 Dianthus Wallace Red 3; 19 Platycodon Grandiflorum 4; 20 Viola Lutea Splendens 3. Sixty-six plants; 20 varieties—value about \$65.00. With each border we will ship, no charge, 23 Marie Antoinette Fraises des Bois to edge the ends and front. (Only 50 4' x 15' Borders offered this year.)



Size 4' BY 10'

4' x 10' Perennial Border

\$27.50

Note: The numeral before the variety is the key to the planting plan above; the numeral after the variety indicates quantity. 1 Delphinium mixed 3; 2 Iris Siberica Snow Queen 3; 3 Phlox Mary Louise 4; 4 Heuchera Mary Rose 2; 5 Aquilegia Mrs. Scott Elliott 2; 6 Gaillardia Portola Hyb. 2; 7 Hemerocallis Linda 2; 8 Dianthus Her Majesty 5; 9 Dicentra Exima 3; 10 Veronica Blue Spires 3; 11 Iberis Purity 4; 12 Dianthus Salmon Unique 4; 13 Daisy Mt. Shasta 2. Thirty-nine plants, 13 varieties—value about \$38.50. With each border we will ship, no charge, 18 Marie Antoinette Fraises des Bois to edge the ends and front. (Only 100 4' x 10' Borders offered this year.)



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